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SON OF

DR. JOHN BANCROFT

The Diary of William Oscar Bancroft

Started at twelve years of age, in Harpursville, N.Y.

1841, July

1. Worked in the garden and went to the carding machine.

2. Worked in the garden. Had a headache.

3. Lord's day. Attended church in the forenoon and Baptist meeting in the afternoon.

4. Went to temperance celebration at Windsor Worked in garden.

5. Worked in the Garden and had headache.

6. Played with friends.

11. Went to Mr. Judds for behive.

12 Went to Captain Chaffees and to mill.

13. Worked at the church.

20. Went to Butternuts with mother and Mariah Kelley.

25. Commenced work for Uncle William Birdsall

8. August, Working for Uncle William.

8. September, Worked for Uncle William Birdsall. Spent the time very pleasantly and much to their satisfaction. Acquired much information in farming. My Uncle gave me cloth for a coat, vest and pantaloons and shirt. Visited and Uncle William Shepherd and Uncle Nathan Birdsall.

10. Returned home with my grandparents and cousin William H. Birdsall. Found my parents and brothers well.

1. December, Went to school and my parents went to Ezra Hichox. (This entry is an error for his next entry is in November 7)

7. November, Commenced attending school taught by Miss Shay and study astronomy and philosophy and aritmetick.

7. December, Was sick and parents went to S. Merriman's.

8. Went to school and presented my first piece of composition. The school was visited by the deputy superintendant.

9. Went to New Ohio after our new cutter and got an accordion.

2 10. Went to school and my parents went to covenant.

11. Lords day, went to Elder Millers meeting.

12. Went to school.

13, Went to school.

14. Went to school and went to singing school in the evening.

15. Butchered hogs.

16. Went to school.

17. Went to Kelley's and went to Mr Shay's to examination of school teacher.

18. Lords day, staid at home.

19. Went to school.

20. Went to school and commenced the study of Geography.

21. Went to school and went to singing school.

22. Went to school.

23. Went to school and went after the pot to dip candles in.

24. Went to school and went to Christmas eve.

25. Lords day, Went to meeting. My little brother was two years old.

26. Went to school.

27. Went to school.

28. Went to school and went to singing school.

29. Went to school.

30. Went to school.

31. Went over to Mr. Dort's and prepared for Sunday.

1. January, 1843, Lords Day, went to Methodist meeting.

2. Went to school and received a singing book for New Years present.

3. Went to school.

4. Went to school and went to singing school but our teacher did not arrive.

5. Went to school and had a sick headache. My Uncle Henry and Leonard arrived.

6. Went to school.

7. Went to school half day. Elder Miller and his son came and I satid home to visit with them.

8. Lord's day, went to Baptist meeting

9. Staid home and visited.

10. Uncle Henry went home and Elder Miller and his son also.

11. Went to school and went to singing school but the master did not arrive.

12. Went to school and my parents went to Mr. Humistons.

13. Went to school.

14. Went to school

15. Lords day. Went to church and to Methodist meeting.

16. Went to school

17. Went to school.

18. Went to school.

19. Went to school and to shows.

20. Went to school.

21. Was deprived of pleasure for disobedience on the day before.

22. Lords day. Went to Elder Miller's meeting.

29. Lords day, I have been sick the week past, went to church and went to Methodist in the afternoon.

30. Staid home and took care of my little brother.

31. Went to school.

4 1. February 1843. Went to school and to singing school.

2. Went to school.

3. Went to school.

4. Elder Miller and his son came here.

5. Lords dat. Went to Elder Millers meeting.

6. Went to school.

7. Went to school.

8. Went to school.

9. Went to school.

10. Went to school.

11. Lords day. Went down to river to meeting.

13 Went to school.

14. Town meeting day. Leonard is sick with the measles. Mr. Turner and his lady visited here and Mr. Carmen and his lady in the evening.

15. I was sick and could not attend school.

16. I was sick.

17. Went to school in the afternoon.

18. Staid at home and prepared wood and mother went to Church meeting.

19. Lords day. Went to meeting over to school house and mother went down to the Brisee school house in the evening.

20. Went to school and Leonard and father went down to the Brisee school house to meeting.

31. May 1843. Went to Butternuts again to spend the summer with Uncle William accompanied by my mother, little brother and Elizabeth Dort.

9 Sept, 1843. My father sent for me home on account of the sickness of my little brother who was taken Sept. 6 with dysentery. 5

10. Arrived at home accompanied by Aunt Margaret, found Birdsall very sick. He new me and was very glad to see his brother.

11. My little brother still very sick.

12. Took my Aunt Margaret home.

13. Returned home again and found my brother worse.

14. Thought his symptoms some better he new us all and for the last time gave Pa and Ma and me a sweet kiss.

15. My brother fails very fast.

16. My brother died at 2 oclock p.m. aged 2 years, 8 months and 22 days.

17. Attended meeting at the school house, Elder Miller preached.

18. My grandma and several uncles and aunts and cousins came down to attend the funeral.

19. Attended my brothers funeral the sermon preached by my uncle William.

20. Taken sick with the dysentery, which confined me to the house almost 3 weeks. Was very sick.

9. October 1843. Rode out for the first time. Visited at Mr. Eldreges.

6. November 1843. Commenced attending school taught by Miss L. Shay. Studies Arithmetick, Astronomy, Nat. Philosophy and grammer.

14. Staid home to assist in butchering hiefer.

15. Attended school.

16. Attended school.

17. Attended school and in the evening attended singing school taught by Mr. Slossum of Binghamton.

18. Attended school and had a very bad cold.

19. Attended church in the forenoon and in the afternoon the funeral of Mr. Hubbards daughter. At the school house, serman by Mr. Burlingame.

20. Went to school and commenced reading Irvings sketch book.

21. Went to school.

22. Went to school.

23. Staid home and bamked up the house.

24. Went to school and in the evening went to singing school.

25. School did not keep and I staid at home and worked around the barn.

26. Went to school house to elder Millers meeting.

27. Had a brother born and went to James Chafees in the forenoon after a girl and in the afternoon went to school.

28. Attended school in the forenoon and in the afternoon went down to Squire Wilcox,s and worked around the barn.

29. Went to school and had a new spelling book.

30. Went to school all day.

1. December, 1843. Attended school and attended singing school in the evening.

2. Attended school

3. Attended church and in the evening went to Methodist meeting.

4. Attended school.

5. Attended school.

6. Attended school and singing school in the evening at Nineveh.

7. Attended school.

8. Attended school and in the evening singing school at the church.

9. Staid bome and sawed wood.

10. Sun. Went to the school house to meeting and Elder Miller preached his farewell serman.

11. Went to school and went up to Mr. Kelley's and staid all night.

12. Attended school.

13. Went to school and in the evening went to Nineveh to singing school.

14. Attended school.

15. Attended school.

16. Attended school.

17. Attended church in the forenoon and in the evening Methodist meetingrat the school house.

18. attended school.

19. Attended school.

20 Attended school. In the eveining singing school at Nineveh.

21. Attended school.

22. Attended school in the forenoon and afternoon. In the evening singing school at the church.

23. Attended school.

24. Sunday, went to Christmas eve.

31. January 1844, Parents went to Otego to see my gradfather who had cut him very badly so that his life was dispaired of.

14. Went to Scowton School house to meeting Elder Wilkins preached, 5 were baptized and 2 sprinkled. At 5 o'clock Elder Earl preached.

15. John Miller and I went to Nineveh to singing school.

16. Went to singing in Nineveh in the afternoon and evening and Mr. Slosson closed his school.

17. Went to singing school at the church. Mr. Slosson closed the singing school at Harpursville and I returned home after a pleasant visit with him.

29. April, 1844. Went to Otego to cousin Mary Pearces
8 funeral.

30. Commenced working at Uncle Williams

23. September 1844 finished working for Uncle Williams he allowed me one dollar a month.

24. Picked a grist of corn and dug potatoes.

25. Dug potatoes and sawed wood.

26. " " " " "

27. Worked in the garden.

28. Went to Mr. Nickerson's, had a pleasant visit.

29. The snow fell to a depth of 16 to 18 inches. Many fruit trees are destroyed or badly injured.

30. Pleasant the snow runs off finely.

1. October, 1844. The snow is about all off.

4. Appleton Kelley called here.

5. Went to Mr. Harpers and to school.

6. Sun. Went to meeting.

7. Borrowed an Algebra from priest Griswold.

8. Mr. Smith came here to bore pump logs.

10. Deac. Crofut came here to build fence.

11. Hamilton Pierce came here and made the road in pasture.

18. Mother and I went to Otego to hear Elder Simpson preach, Uncle Oscar's funeral serman.

24. Returned home. Baby quite unwell.

29. Rainy, turned to snow.

30. Continues to snow some.

3. November 1844, I am quite unwell.

28. There was quite a snow storm. Went to singing school at Nineveh. Used horse and cutter. (Date an error)

19. Commenced attending school taught by a Mr. Hoit.

20. Studied Algebra and common Arithmetick.

21. The sleighing is fine for this time of year.

24. Witnessed an eclipse of the moon visible and total.

1. January 1845, Went to Coventry to get a girl wo work my coat on my coat thaws, found the sleighing quite poor. My father has sold this place to Dr. Guy for$700.00.

2. We moved from Harpursville to Otego and went to farming.

26. Went to Harpursville for some cows

4. April 1845, Bought seven cows and a yolk of oxen for $80.00 of Northrup Merchant.

8, May 1844, Went up to my Uncle Williams at Butternots with my grandmother.

9. Returned, went to planting corn.

11. Sun. Went to meeting at the Cars school house.

20. Sewed Oats on the hill and I stuck punkin seeds.

21. Grandmother and Unlce Nathan went to Milford and we prepared potato ground.

22. Sowed union seed and planted some corn broad cast. Grandmother returned

23. Commenced planting Potato on the hill.

24. Finished planting, Mother and I went up to Uncle William Birdsall's to see their baby, in the evening went to exhibition, had quite a snow storm.

25. Sun. Went to meeting at Cars school house. Uncle William preached from the parable of the sower.

26. Uncle Nathan and Aunt Susan came here and got a firkin. I went up to the village to a law suit between Fuller and Shaw. Planted some corn broad cast in the orchard.

27. Went over to Uncle Nathans fo r a couple of pigs.

28. My father and uncle Henry trimmed the orchard and I ashed corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon Henry and I and George Shepherd washed the sheep.

10 29. Finnished trimming orchard and I made a little wagon OTEGO for the baby, it snowed some toward night.

30. It froze very hard last night, and we fear it has killed all the fruit, finished ashing the corn in the forenoon and in the afternoon plastered some.

31. It froze very hard again last night. We ploud a couple of turnip patches in the forenoon and in the afternoon my father and mother went to Covenant meeting and staid .till Sunday night

2. June, 1845. Worked on the road.

3. Worked on the road.

4. Sheared our sheep, corn grows finely, the thermomeger stand at 90 in the shade.

5. I have got the mumps. My parents have gone to Harpursville. Went upon the hill to plaw buchwheet ground.

6. Worked in the garden in the forenoon and in the afternoon went a fishing.

7. We drove the cheep over the river to pasture, had a very hard time of it.

8. Went over to Uncle Nathans.

9. Shelled a grist of corn.

10. Plowed out the corn with the cultivator and went to mill, my parents returned from Harpursville, they had bought me a new suit of summer clothes a leghorn hat and a new knife. They also bought a patent cheese press, a crow bar and a scythe and a snathe.

11. It rained.

12. We began to hoe our corn. Ransom and George Shepherd helped us. I had the first strwberries.

13.. Went down to Billy Youmaz withAunt Sally and went up after Mrs. Moss.

14. Went up to Uncle William Shepherds with Wellington, had a very pleasant visit Went to exhibition in evening at Brown school. My cousin John arrived from Ohio.

15. Sun. Went to meeting at the Cars school and went over to Uncle Nathans to see John, he came back with me and staid all night.

16. Hoed corn and went over to Uncle Nathans with John. Sowed our Buckwheat.

17. Finished hoeing the corn.

19. Went a strawberrying up the creek, got about 7 quarts.

20. Went over to Uncle Nathans after John.

21. Wemt up to Butternuts with my Grandfather and my Grandmother and Cosins John and George.

22. Wemt to meeting at the Cars school house, Elder Robinson preached, My cousin Alda Pierce returned with me.

23. Went up to the village.

24. Made a bridge on the hill and drawed stone.

25. Worked in the garden.

26. Finished the road on the hill. Mr. Gilbert and wife came here.

27. My father and Uncle Henry worked up the creek.

29. Went over to Uncle Nathan's and to raisin.

30. Went up to Uncle Nathan Pierce's with Alda.

1. July 1845, Returned home. Went up to Uncle Nathan's after some patatoes and got a cheese tub.

2. Wemt over to Ubcle Nathans after cheese cloth.

3. Went up to Uncle William Birdsalls after some potatoes. My cousin Martin came home with me.

4, Went to Unadilla to celebration with Martin. Had a very pleasant time of it.

5. Played with Mattin.

6. Sunday, Went to the creek with Martin.

7. Hoed our potatoes on the hill.

8. Cultivated our corn and hoed some of it.

9. Had a stiff neck.

10. Hoed corn.

11. Joed corn.

12. Finnished hoeing corn and plastered it.

13. Went up the creek to meeting in the forenoon at the Car Scool house in the afternoon at Brown's.

14. Helped about washing and went over to Uncle Nathan's found him quite poorly.

12 15. Uncle William and Aunt Harriet came down here, I plastered the turnips.

16. Went a berrying in the forenoon and in the afternoon commenced haying.

17. My cousin Martin came down here. Uncle Henry made us a horse rake.

18. Cut our corn for fodder and worked in the hay field.

27. August 1845 Mother and I went to Harpursxville.

29. Returned home. Had a very pleasant visit.

19. November, 1845, We have got our corn all husked and our fall pkowing done.

20. My father has gone to Harpursville to buy a load of poultry, my Uncle William and cousin Andrew came.

21. Went to mill and carried my mother to Mr. Heliker's.

22. Went to the village.

23. Went up to Uncle William Birdsall's and to meeting.

24. My father has gone to Gilbertsville to engage a room for me at the ACADEMY. Went to mill.

25. We thrahed some oats. I went to the blacksmith shop to get our horses shod and one of them kicked me on the ankle so as to lay me up. We commenced picking our geese for market.

27. Finished picking our poultry.

28. My father started for New YOrk this morning with a load of poultry and butter.

30. It commenced snowing very smartly.

1. December 1845, It has continued snowing all day, the snow has fell to a depht of 15 inches.

3. I commenced attending school at Gilbertsville Academy and Collegiate Institute

10. March, 1846, The school closed today the term having run 14 weeks. Have had an excellent school, I have enjoyed myself very much.

11. Returned home and went to making sugar. 13

4.,April, 1846. Commenced plowing in the afternoon went to hear Mr. Van Wagoner lecture on temperance at the Presbyterian meeting house. He delivered a very smart address.

5. Went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's.

6. Finnished plowing the ground for barley and went to the post office

7. Dragged in the clover seed.

8. Went up the Otsdawa creek to help drive some cows and sheep for Daniel Shepherd and drove back a hog for David shepherd for which he paid me one Shilling. In the afternoon I plowed the garden.

9. Sowed some barley and oats on the flat and seeded it down and in the evening went to temperance meeting held at the Presbyterian meeting house the lecturer was Mr. Dace from New york.

10 Commenced plowing our wheat ground on the hill. My father returned from Butternuts with my cousin Mille Birdsall.

11. Plowed some on the hill. My cousin Ruth Ann Birdsall came over and staid all night.

12. Sun. Went up the creek to meeting and stopped to Uncle William Shepherds and my Cousin Martin returned home wiht me. We went up to Mr. Hendersons after some willows to set out on the bank of the river. It snowe some this afternoon.

14. Finished plowing wheat ground and drawed out manure.

15. Drawed out manure. It froze quite hard last night.

16. Drawed out manure and turned our sheep out on the hill.

17. Sowed our wheat and peas on the hill in the forenoon and dragged them in in the afternoon.

18. My father plowed the oat ground and I made garden.

The Diary of William Oscar Bancroft.
1846-1847.

1846
June, Otego, New York (38 miles north east of Harpursville) When he retired from his medical practice Doctor J.D. Bancroft moved his family to his farm near Otego,N.Y.

1. Monday. Cultivated out our corn in the orchard and hoed part of it. I had some straw berries for the first time in the season

2. Tuesday. Finished hoeing in the orchard and went to the village (Otego) and got a new hoe, my father cultivated the corn in the field one way (except when broadcast their corn was planted in check rows) and fixed potato ground on the hill.

3. Wednesday. My father worked on the road in the forenoon and cultivated corn in the afternoon. I went to a lawsuit over the river and hoed corn.

4. Thursday. Went up to the woods and got a load of stakes and some hoop poles and pea bushes in the forenoon and in the afternoon ridged the potato ground.

5. Friday. Uncle Henry came down to Mr. Dodge's and got a pig. I ashed the corn in the orchard and got a pig of Royal Shepherd. (This was Henry (7) Bancroft,Son of David (6) and half brother of Doctor John Demarest Bancroft.) (May have been Henry Birdsall- mothers brother)

6. Saturday. My parents went to covenant meeting. My grandparents went up to Uncle Nathan Pierce's to be gone for a week. I plastered corn and hoed some.

7. Sunday. My parents went to meeting.

8. Monday. Hoed corn and cultivated some and went up to the village (Otego).

9. Tuesday. My father and Uncle Henry Bancroft (7)hoed corn and I cultivated in the forenoon and in the afternoon ridged potato ground on the hill and cultivated corn for John Baldwin.

1846 June

William Oscar Bancroft, 15 yrs., Otego, son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft 15

1 Mon. "Cultivated corn in orchard."

2. Tue. "Cultivated and hoed corn. Finished hoeing in the orchard and went to the village and got a new hoe. My father cultivated the corn in the field one way and fixed the potatoe ground on the hill."

3 Wed. "My father worked on the road in the forenoon and cultivated corn in the afternoon. I went to a law suit over the river and hoed corn."

4 Thur. "Farm work. Went up to the woods and got a load of stakes and some hoop poles and some pea brush in the forenoon and in the afternoon ridged potato ground. (pea brush - placed over peas for vines to climb)."

5 Fri. "Uncle Henry Birdsall got a pig from Mr. Dodge. I ashed corn and got a pig of Royal Shepherd. (ashed corn - they had to apply ashes for lime and plaster on this acid soil.)"

6 Sat. "Grandparents to Uncle Nathan Pierces. Plastered corn, hoed some. Parents to covenant meeting."

7 Lord's Day. "Parents to meeting."

8 Mon. "Hoed corn, went to Otego."

9 Tue. "Father and Henry Birdsall hoed corn, I cultivated corn and ridged potato ground. Cultivated corn for John Baldwin."

10 Wed. "Hoed corn. Russell Shepherd helped. I cultivated corn for Ransom Shepherd."

11 Thur. "Cultivated corn for Ransom Shepherd. Went to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's, went up to Butternuts to William Birdsall's for Grandmother Birdsall. (Butternuts - this is a place where 3 Butternut trees were a conspicious landmark, a town developed here.)

12 Fri. "To Harpursville for carding. Got a new scythe and two snathes (handles for scythes) and cloth for coat and vest."

13 Sat. "Ashed corn. Hoed potatoes."

16 Tue. "Hoed potatoes, applied lime."

17 Wed. "Hoed corn in orchard."

18 Thur. "Hoed corn, mowed lane."

19 Fri. "Made embankment along creek."

20 Sat. "Built fence. To store for cloth for pantaloons."

21 Sun. "Straw berrying."

22 Mon. "Plowed summer fallow."

23 Tue. "Father and Mother went to Butternuts to visit the William Birdsalls. Uncle William Shepherd came down to fix the creek and hoe corn."

24 Wed. "Plowed summer fallow."

25 Thur. "Drawed in load of wood."

26 Fri. "Went over the river with cousin William Shepherd, buttons for new coat, commenced haying. Uncle Henry helped us."

27 Sat. "Plowed fallow. Mended fence."

28 Lord's Day. "Up creek to meeting."

29 Mon. "Plowed fallow. Mended fence."

30 Tue. "To Gilbertsville and exhibition." (At Butternuts, the village of Gilbertsville of today developed.)

William Oscar Bancroft, 15 yrs., Otego, Otsego Co., son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Wed. "Parents to General meeting."

2 Thur. "All went to General meeting."

3 Fri. "Cultivated and hoed corn."

4 Sat. "Cultivated and hoed. Mother and Grandparents (Birdsalls) to Covenant meeting."

5 Lord's Day. "Up the creek to meeting."

6 Mon. "Plowed fallow, Mend fence."

7 Tue. "Hoed corn. cultivated."

8 Wed. "Cultivated corn in A.M. Went to Franklin (Across the Susquehanna, east)."

9 Thur. "Hoed corn, mowed around barn."

10 Fri. "Drawed in hay, cut some rye."

11 Sat. "Ransom and Russel Shepherd, cousins, (sons of William Shepherd and Tacy Birdsall) and George Thompson raked and bound rye. Drawed in one load of hay."

12 Sun. "Church, brother Chicken pox."

13 Mon. "Uncle Henry Birdsall finished cradling the rye. Ransom, George and Delos Shepherd, cousins, helped rake and I sot it up."

14 Tue. "Sick head ache. Father and Uncle Henry Birdsall mowed and drove a swarm of bees."

15 Wed. "Worked in hay field."

16 Thur. "Hay field in A.M. Went to Otego to law suit, Uncle William Birdsall vs. Thomas Place."

17 Fri. "Plastered corn, in one load of hay, went to mill."

18 Sat. "Plowed fallow, stirred out hay."

19 Sun. "Parents wnt to church up creek."

20 Mon. "Drawed in one load of hay and rye."

21 Tue. "Drawed in rye, cut barley."

22 Wed. "Cut barley. To funeral at Butternuts. All night with Uncle William Shepherd."

23 Thur. "Mowed little meadow and by creek and mowed by the road."

24 Fri. "To Uncle Nathan's with Grandfather Birdsall. Cocked up hay in the meadow by the creek."

25 Sat. "To Uncle Nathan Pearce. Cocked hay."

26 Lord's Day. "Parents went up creek to meeting. Uncle Henry Birdsall to Uncle William Birdsall's to work for him a spell."

27 Mon. "Sold cow. Father to Butternuts to Uncle William Birdsall's law suit. With Ransom Shepherd and Dolphus Smith drew in 4 loads of hay. (old red cow $14.50)."

28 Tue. "Got in hay and 2 loads of barley."

29 Wed. "Drawed in barley. Ransom Shepherd helped."

30 Thur. "Mowed one load of hay, drew it in."

31 Fri. "Reaped oats."

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August

1. Satutday. Mowed down by the bank of the river. Moteher and grandmother went up the creek to meeting. We had Royal Shepheeds horse to draw in hay. We drawed in two loads and my father finished cradelling the oats. I went up to the village (Otego) in the evening and got a bottle of ink. Also some flat turnipseed. We had the first green corn today.

2. Sunday. My parents went up the creek to meeting.

3. Monday. Mowed down by the bank of the river. We got in one 1 oad of hay and one load of oats.

4. Tuesday. Mowed in the forenoon. I went up to Coles (Sally Cole was the wife of Henry Birdsall. This reference is to her family) Drawed in one load of hay and one load of oats and finished mowing.

5. Wednesday. Thrashed out barley with the horses in the forenoon and in the afternoon my father went over the river and got a load of hay for George Cole.

6. Thursday. Went on to the hill to cutting wheat, we cut about thre quarters of it and bound some of it. George Cole had the horses and wagon to draw a load of hay from over the river.

7. Friday. We finished cradling the wheat and cut the peas in the forennon, in the afternoon went over the river to get a load of hay for Gearge Cole and my father cradled oats.

8. Saturday. We got in one load of wheat and when it began to rain I drove our oldCherry cow up to Uncle Nathan Pierces stayed all night to Uncle William Birdsall's/

9. Sunday. Returned home. It is quite showery.

10. Monday. We plowed on summer fallow.

11. Tuesday. I plowed on summer fallow in the P.M. My father cut the peas on the hill in the A.M. We raked and bound oats. Ransom Shepherd helped us. I cradled some, we raked and bound our new kind of wheat. It has turned out very well.

12. Wedhesday. Finished drazwing in our wheat and one load of peas and one of oats. I cradled about half an acre of oats.

13 Thursday. Drawed in three loads of oats and raked and bound some.

14. Friday I cradled oats in the forenoon and dragged on the summer fallow in the afternoon. My father
20 went down to George Coles to get the cradle fixed. (Henry Birdsall married Sally cole)
15. Saturday. My father dragged on the summer fallow. I went over on the Franklin M ountain black berrying. Got about six quarts.

16. Sunday. Went up to John Oscar Birdsall's to get a wagon. For Aunt Sally to go up the creek. (Sally Cole Birdsall) My father and mother went up to meeting.

17. Monday. We took the drag down to the blacksmith shop to get the teeth new laid. I went over to Uncle Nathan Pearce's and my father cradled oats.

18. Tuesday. Finished cutting the oats on the hill and drawed them in. Ransom Shepherd (cousin) helped us rake and bind. The tire ran off from the forward wheel and we got John Oscar Birdsall's wagon.

19. Wednesday. We took our wagon down to the shop and took John Oscar Birdsall's home. I cradled to oats in the well lot and my father dragged on the summer fallow.

20. Thursday. I dragged on the summer fallow in the forennon and my father raked and bound oats in the well lot. In the afternoon we got them in which finished our harvesting.

21. Friday. Went over to Sidney (21 miles south west of Otego) to mill and found they would not grind. So I went to Unadilla (back-tracked 5 miles) and got it ground. It was dark when I got to Uncle Wilson's, so I staid all night.

22. Saturday. Returned home. I went up to the village (Otego) in the forenoon and bought a half pound og collton yarn No. 10, four pounds of rice and half a pound of allspice for which I paid 62 eggs. My father commenced cross plowing the summer fallow.

23. Sunday. My father and mother went up the creek to meeting and I went up to the village.

24. Monday. My father plowed on the summer fallow. I picked up 2 bu. of apples for the hogs.

25. Tuesday. My father built fence up on the hill. I went to the village (Otego).

26. Wednesday. My father plowed on the summer fallow.

27. Thursday. Went up to Uncle William Shepherd's (Tracy Birdsall) My father plowed on the summer fallow.

28. Friday. Returned home. My father and uncle Henry Birdsall mowed rowen (second growth grass) . and cocked it up.

29. Saturday. Drawed one load of rowen and commenced cutting corn in the orchard.

30. Sunday. Mother and Uncle Henry (Birdsall) went to meeting.

31. Monday. We cut the rest of the rowen.

September. 1846.

1. Tuesday. Drawed in one load of rowen. I went over to Uncle Nathan Pearces. Aunt Harriett (Mrs. William Birdsall and cousin Andrew came down here. Uncle Henry went home with them. Grandma Bancroft (Mrs David Bancroft nee Lydia Robinson) and Berthier Bancroft(hee son and half brother of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft) came here from Sangerfield in Oneida County.

2. Wednesday. I am 16 years old today. My father hired Mr. Roberts to thrash rye for seed.

3. Thursday. Mr. Roberts finished thrashing rye. I and Berthier cut some corn and set it up. It rained quite smartly.

4. Friday. I and uncle Berthier went over to Uncle Nathan Pearce and grandma Bancroft and mother also.

5. Saturday. I and Uncle Berthier went on to Adam's hill after Sassafras. Grandma and mother went up the creek.

6. Sunday. I and Uncle Berthier and my father went up the creek to meeting. My father and mother returned home. Grandmother Bancroft, Uncle Berthier and I went up to Uncle Nathan Pearce's to stay all night.

7. Monday. Grandmother Bancroft and Uncle Berthier started for home. I went part way with them. (Sangerfield is approximately 80 miles fron Otego. This represented a very long trip with horses)) Father commenced sewing rye last Saturday. Uncle Henry Birdsall and grandmother (Mrs. John Birdsall started for Utica (distance about 80 miles) Uncle Nathan Smith and Aunt Margaret started for Obio

8. Tuesday. Cut corn.

22 9. Wednesday. Cut corn.

10. Thursday. Cut Corn.

11. Friday Cut corn. Mr. Pearsall from Harpursville staid here all night. Uncle Henry Birdsall and grandmother Birdsall returned home.

12. Saturday. Finished cutting corn and went over to Uncle Nathan Ppearce's.

13. Sunday. My father and my mother went up the creek to meeting.

14. Monday. Plowed on the side hill. Uncle William Birdsall came down here for Uncle Henry Birdsalls Tools and staid all night.

15. Tuesday. Sold a couple of pigs and a fat sheep to Ransom Shepherd (Cousin). Mr Arnold had our mare to ride three miles. We plowed on side hill.

16 Wednesday. Uncle Henry Birdsall moved his tools up the creek.

17. Thursday. Finished plowing the summer fallow.

18. Friday. My father sewed rye. I husked corn in the orchard.

19. Saturday. Finished sowing rye. I dragged in the forenoon A couple of Irish boys came here to stay over Sunday.

20. Sunday. Mother and grandmother went up the creek to meeting.

21. Monday. We drawed in one load of our corn and one load of Uncle Hnry's (Henry Birdsall) corn in this forenoon. Father was summoned to a law suit as a Juryman and was kept up all night. I husked corn in the barn.

22. Tuesday. Drawed in two loads of corn and husked some.

23. Wednesday. Husked corn.

24. Thursday. We husked corn and got one load in the barn. There was quite a hail storm.

25. Friday. We husked corn.

September 1846
26. Saturday. We husked corn. Uncle Henry Birdsall came home.

27. Sunday. Went up to Uncle Nathan Smith's with grandfather and grandmother.

28. Monday. Uncle William Shepherd took one load of Uncle Henry Birdsall's goods. Mr. Seeley and wife from Bainbridge came here and staid all night.

29. Tuesday. My father husked corn for Uncle Henry Birdsall.

30. Wednesday. Drawed in corn stalks and one load of punkins. I took a load of goods up the creek for Uncle Henry Birdsall.

October 1846
1. We husked corn and finished drawing in corn.

,2. We dug potatoes.

3. Saturday. We drawed in punkins in the forenoon. My father and mother went up the creek to meeting.

December 1846.
8. Tuesday. Commenced reciting to Edwin Smith in Latin grammar and algebra.

9. Wednesday. Went up to recite. The weather very cold.

10. Thursday. Went up to recite with horse and cutter, found the sl eighing quite good.

11. Friday. We got an air tight stove to study by.

13. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting. Very cold and blustering.

14. Monday. Went up to recite.

15. Tuesday. Went up to recite and thrached wheat in the afternoon.

16. Wednesday. Went up to recite and thrashed wheat.

17. Thursday. Went up to recite and finished threshing wheat.

18. Friday. Went up to recite and helped clean up the wheat.

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19. Saturday. Went up to recite and finished cleaning up the wheat. We got 8 bushels of wheat from a little over a bushel of sowing.

20. Sunday. Father and mother went up the creek to meeting. Uncle Henry Birdsall came home with them.

21. Monday. Went up to recite and went up to Uncle William Shepherd;s with Uncle Henry. Had a very pleasant ride.

22. Tuesday. Went up to recite and my father started for Harpursville.

23. Wednesday. Went up to recite. Uncle Henry and Aunt Susan came here to get a cupboard. I went up to Slab City with Aunt Sally (Sally Cole Birdsall). Stopped and got the grist as I came back.

24. Thursday. Went up to recite. St. John had a cutter to go to Franklin. Delos Shepherd had a horse to go to mill.

25. Friday. Went up to recite. Delos had horse to go up to Daniel Shepherds for which I had cutter and harness go down to Solomon Baldwins after grandmother.

26 Saturday. Went up to recite. Stopped to Mr. Heliker's and got measured for a new vest.

27. Sunday. Mother went up the creek to meeting.

28. Monday. Went up to recite and bought a latin grammar of Mr. Wakeman for which I paid 6/

29. Tuesday. Went up to the village but Mr. Smith had gone to Franklin so I did not recite. My father returned from Harpursville. He bought some cloth for me, a new coat, a wash stand a couple of new stools and three new ax helves and a comforter.

30. Wednesday. Did not go up to recite because it stormed.

31. Thursday. Went up to recite.

1847.
January.

1. Friday. Went up to recite. Uncle Nathan Birdsall and Aunt Ruth, Uncle William Birdsall and Aunt Harriet, Uncle William Shepherd and Aunt Tracy, Uncle N. Smith and Aunt Margaret and Uncle Henry and Aunt Susan came hear to celebrate New Years and eat roast turkey. (This group included about 15 cousins)

2. Saturday. Went up to recite. Father and mother went up the creek to covenant meeting.

3. Sunday. There has been quite a thaw the week past. The ise is all gone out of the river, and the snow is almost all gone, my parents went up the creek in a wagon.

20. Wednesday. Have been sick ever since the third. Have had a disease of the spibe and a run of fever. This evening went up to Mr. Halsteads donation party, spent quite a plwasant ewening.

21. Thursday. Helped my father clean up oats.

22 Friday. Helped my father thrash barley with the horses. Went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsalls, had a spelling and speaking school. Had a very pleasant time of it. Staid over to Uncle Nathan's all night.

23. Saturday. Helped my father thrash barley with the horses.

24. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting.

25. Monday. Went up to recite. Augustus and William Shepherd came down here to thrash our grain with a machine. Cleaned up barley in the evening.

26. Tuesday. commenced thrashing with the machine. Thrached all the rye. Mr. Fowler helped us all day. George Shepherd helped us a little while. My father and Uncle William Shepheeds boys went up to temperance meeting.

27. Wednesday. Cleaned up the rye, we had 47 bushels. Thrashed the oats, George Shepherd helped us. Delos helped a little while this afternoon.

28. Thursday. Cleaned up the oats. We had 51 bushels. Thrashed the barley. Uncle William Shepherds boys went home. We cleaned up the barley, had 17 bushells.

29 Friday. Went up to recite. Ground our axes.

26 30. Saturday. Went up to recite in the forenoon and in the afternoon went up to Uncle William Shepherd's and staid all night.

31. Sunday. Came home from Uncle William Shepherd's and stopt to meeting. Father is quite unwell with a cold.

1847
Februrary.

1. My father drawed wood in from the hill.

2. Tuesday. Drawed wood in off the hill. It thawed considerably;

3. Wednesday. It rained quite hard and we had to tear up the bridage across the creek to save it.

4. Moved my things over to Franklin, Delaware county where I intend to go to school to the Academy.

5. Friday. Went down to hear some of the classes recite and in the evening went down to hear the speaking and compositions.

6. Saturday. Bought me a new jacknife for which I paid 2/6

7. Sunday. Went to meeting in the forenoon at the Congregational meeting house and in the afternoon at the Baptist meeting house. Heard Elder Robertson preach from Romans 5 Chapt 8 verse.

8. Monday. Did not recite in Latin on account of a mistake of the teacher. I recited algebra.

9. Tuesday. I recited latin and algebra.

10. Wednesday. I recited Latin and Algebra. At noon I went down to the furnace to see them cast. (the foundr)

11. Thursday. I recited in Latin and Algebra. Had considerable trouble understanding algebra, but I think it is a very useful study.

12. Friday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. My father and mother came over and fetched a cook stove and some wood and provisions and I went home with them. (this is just across the river about 5 miles)

13. Saturday. My father bought me a new knife. Uncle Henry Bandsell and Berhier Bancroft came to our house and staid all night.

14. Sunday. Mother and I went up the creek to meeting. My little brother took a portion of arsenick which he was finally made to puke up

he was fanally made to puke up which saved his life. This should be a warning to every body to keep poisons out of the reach of children. 27

15. Monday. My father carried me over to school but I did not arrive soon enough to recite Latin. I recited in Algebra. There was a committee formed among the students to get up a catalogue.

16. Tuesday. Recited in Latin and algebra. I let my father have my knife which cost 2/6 for his knife which cost 18 pence. My father let me have $3.00 toward what he owed me for corn. (His father obviously thought that the boy was extravagant when he spent 2 shilling, six pence for a knife when and 18 pence knife would do for a student. In fairness his father later paid him the difference in cash. These were hard times and money was scarce. Thrift was an important lesson.)

17. Wednesday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. In the evening went down to Captain Grant's to a donation party for the Rev. Mr. White.

18. Thursday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. Went to singing school in the evening.

19. Friday. Recited in Latin and algebra. In the afternoon I went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's and staid all night.

20. Saturday. Went over home and found my father just starting up the creek for a load of hay for Elder Simpson. I staid to home and sawed wood. (It is an interesting side light that after the jack knife incident the boy did not go home on Friday as he usually did and that he did not join his father in getting the load of hay on Saturday morning but elected to stay home and saw wood.)

21. Sunday. It commenced snowing this morning and has continued all day. My father went up the creek for grandmother Birdsall.

22. Monday. My father brought me over to the Academy early this morning. Recited in Latin and algebra and commenced reciting in the reading class.

23. Tuesday. Recited in Latin and Algebra and bought a SAnder's fourth reader for which I paid 2/6.

24. Wednesday. Recited in Latin and algebra.

25. Thursday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. Went to singing school in the evening.

26. Friday. Recited in Latin and Algebra and went over to Uncle Nathan (Birdsall or Smith or Pearce) and staid all night

27. Saturday. My mother came over to Uncle Nathan:s with a horse and cutter and I went home with her. My father returned from Albany this evening where he has been with a load of grain for which he got a good price. He bought a keg of Molasses and one of Mackerel and bought me Leveretts latin dictionary for which he paid 4.50.

28. Sunday. Went up to the Baptist meeting house to hear an African preach.

1847.
March

1. Monday. My father brought me over to the Academy. He let me have a schilling to balance between knives. (His father sensed his disappojntment over the knife incident and tried to make amends ?). I bought a Morses School Geography for which I paid 3/. I recited in Latin and algebra.

2. Tuesday. Recited in Latin and Algebra.

3. Wednesday. Recited in latin and Algebra.

4. Thursday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. In the afternoon went down to the chapel to see some experiments with the solar microscope which were very interesting.

5. Friday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. My cousin John A.S. Birdsall came over this morning and staid all day. My mother came over and staid to the exhibition this evening, then I went home with her.

6. Saturday. The sun shines very warm. I fear that it will spoil the sleighing. My father and grandmother Birdsall went up the creek to covenant meeting. I staid to home and prepared wood.

7. Sunday. My father and mother went up the creek to meeting. It still continues to thaw and it rained some. My father came and brought me as far as Mr. Bowleson's where I staid all night.

8. Monday. Came over to the Academy and recited in Latin and Algebra.

9. Tuesday. Recited in Latin and Algebra.

10. Wednesday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. In the evening went to singing school.

11. Thursday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. In the evening went down to the chapel to hear a lecture on temperance delivered by Mr. Gatchell.

12. Friday. Recited in Latin and Algebra.

13. Saturday. Went down to the chapel to see some experiments with the solar misroscope. I have caught a very bad cold that makes me almost sick.

14. Sunday. Went over home.

15. Monday. Recited in Latin and Algebra. My Uncle Berthier Bancroft came over to the ACADEMY WITH me this morning.

16. Friday. Recited Latin and Algebra. My father came over in the afternoon and staid to the exhibition. I bought a thompson's Abridgement to Days' Algebra for which I paid 3/, also two catalogues for this institutin for which I paid six pence a piece.. We had an excellent exhibition which lasted till 10 P.M., when I and my father came home.

17. I staid to home and sawed wood.

18. Thursday. Went up to the woods with my father for chopping.

19. Friday. Berthier D. Bancroft commenced working for us. My father and Uncle Berthier went to the hill to get wood. William and Elder Miller came here this afternoon. Uncle William went home.

20. Saturday. I went up to the mill. My father and Elder Miller went down to Elder Simpson's. After they came back I went up to R. Austin's after grandmother Birdsall.

21. Sunday. My father, mother and Elder Miller went up the creek to meeting. It has rained quite hard all day. The roads are growing muddy quite fast and the ise has gone out of the river this morning.

22. Monday. We drawed manure out of the wagon house. It still continues raining.

23. Tuesday. Mother and I went up to the store.

30 24. Wednesday. I stayed at home and studied.

25. Thursday. My father, Uncle Berthier and I went up on the hill to saw some pine logs.

26. Friday. Worked on the hill. It commenced snowing this afternoon.

27. Saturday. It snowed all night. The snow fell to a depth of two feet and it has drifted so the roads are almost impassable.

28. Sunday. The going is so bad that we can't get to meeting.

29. Monday. It thaws considerable. I went up to the village and bought a camphine lamp for which I paid 2/

30. Tuesday. Went over to Uncle Nathan's in the forenoon and got my Latin Dictionary. In the P.M. went to old Mrs. Maxfield's funeral.

He omitted March 31 which was Wednesday.

1847.
April (Thursday)
1. Wednesday. My father brought me over to Franklin. I intend to study Latin, Greek and algebra.

(Friday)
2. Thursday . Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. In the afternoon I went to see Dr. Hine burried.

(Saturday
3. Friday. Recited in Latin Greek and Algebra. In the afternoon went over home.

(Sunday)
4. Saturday. Bought a greek grammer from My Wakeman for which I paid 6/. Went up to Uncle William Shepherd's in the afternoon.

(Monday)
5. Sunday. My parents went to Prebyterian Meeting in the village Otego).

(Tuesday)
6. Monday. Myfather came over to Franklin with me. Did not get here soon enough to recite in Latin. Recited in Greek and Algebra.

(Wednesday)
7. Recited in Latin,Greek and Algebra. I took in Orlanda S. Williams into lodge for a shilling a week. In the afternoon I went over to the paper mill.

(Thursday)
8. Wednesday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

(Friday)
9. Thursday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

(Saturday)
10. Friday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra and in the evening had to speak. 31
(Sunday)
11. Saturday. Went over home. Found my father quite unwell.
(Monday)
12. Sunday. Returned to Franklin. I took in Thomas Fish to room with me. He is to furnish half of the things.
(Tuesday)
13. Monday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.
(Wednesday)
14. Tuesday. Recited in LatinGrek and algebra.
(Thursday)
15. Wednesday. Recited in Latin Greek and Algebra.
(Friday)
16. Thursday. Recited in Latin Greek and Algebra.
(Saturday)
17. Friday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. In the afternoon went over home. Found that my father had commenced plowing on the flat.
(Sunday)
18. Saturday. Helped my father about fixing up fence.
(Monday)
19. Sunday. It has been very cold and stormy today. The thermometer was 23° below the freezing point.
(Tuesday)
20. Monday. My father came and brought me over to Franklin. I bought a lamp filler for which I paid two shillings.
(Wednesday)
21. Tuesday. Recited in Latin, Greek and algebra.
(Thursday)
22. Wednesday. Recited in Lztin, Greek and Algebra. We are having very pleasant weather.

23. Friday. Recited in Latin, Greek and algebra. In the afternoon I went home.

24. Saturday. Went up to Sangerfield, Oneida County to take my Uncle Berthier Bancroft home. Found the snow drifts very large in some places.

25. Sunday. Staid and visited at my Grabdmother Bancroft's

26. Monday. It rained in the forenoon. In the afternoon went to Waterville with my Uncle Leonard Bancroft and Uncle Berthier Bancroft. I went to see the large distillery while I was there. It is quite a sight.

27. Tuesday. Returned home

28. Wednesday. My mother came over to Franklin with me. Recited in Greek and Algebra.

32 29. Thursday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. It rained.

30. Friday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. In the evening attended the exhibition.

1847.
May
1. Saturday. I wtote a letter to my Uncle Berthier Bancroft. In the evening I attended a meeting of the Philomathian Society of which I am a member, which was very interesting.

2. Sunday. In the forenoon I attended meeting at the Baptist meeting house and in the P.M. the Presbyterian.

3. Monday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. Our new female teacher has come.

4. Tuesday. Recited in Latin,Grek and Algebra. Attended the meeting of the Lyceum this evening where they had quite an interesting debate on the question,"whether or not republican principples would triumph thruput the world.

5. Wednesday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

6. Recited in Latin Greek and Algebra. I got out of provisions so I went up to Edgerton's tavern and got my supper.

7. Friday. Went up to Edgerton 's and got my breakfast. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

8. Saturday. In the forenoon I went on to the hill to make fence. In the afternoon I helped father to plow the corn ground. I saw the first flowers in the fields today.

9. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting with my mother and grandmother. My brother has got the whooping cough. Myfather came and brought me over this afternoon.

10. Monday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

11. Tuesday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

12. Wednesday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra.

13, Thursday. Recited in Latin Greek and Algebra.

14. Friday. Recited in Latin, Greek and Algebra. In the afternoon I went home and found my father planting corn.

15. Saturday. Helped my father plant corn. We finnished all but a little piece.

16. Sunday. I came over to Franklin in the afternoon I wrote a letter to my Uncle Berthier Bancroft..

17. Monday. Recited Latin and Greek. Did not recite in Algebra on account of a violent headache.

18. Tuesday. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek. In the evening I attended the lyceum where they debated the question, whether the mind of woman is susceptible to as much cultivation as that of men.

19. Wednesday. Recited in Latin Algebra and Greek. Commenced boarding at at Daniel Northways.

20. Thursday. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek.

21. Friday. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek. In the after noon I went home.

22. Saturday. Helped my father make fence in the forenoon In the afternoon I went up to Uncle William Birdsall's.

23. Sunday. It rained quite hard all the forenoon. In the afternoon returned Home. (His father's)

24. Monday. Came over to Franklin this morning. I borrowed a Greek teader from my Cousin John A. G. Birdsall. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek. I lent 10 cts. to Thomas Fish, he paid me back 8 cts. It rained quite hard the greatest part of the day.

25. Tuesday. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek. It has cleared off and is quite pleasant. Went swimming for the first time this year. In the evening I attended the Lyceum. Had quite an interesting debate on the question, Whether the old license law should not be revived.

26. Wednesday. Recited in Latin Algebra and Greek.

27. Thursday. Recited in Latin , Algebra and Greek. Went in swimming.

28. Friday. Recited in Latin, algebra and Greek. Commenced reading in the Greek reader. Attended the excersizes in the evening and read compositions.

29. Saturday. Went over home in the morning. My father and mother had gone to Harpursville. I recieved a letter from My Uncle Berthier Bancroft.

30. Sunday. Went over to my Uncle Nathan's and staid all night.

34 31. Monday. Came over to the academy this morning. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek. It rained hard.

1847.
June
1. Tuesday. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek.

2. Recited in Latin, Algebra and Greek.

3. Thursday. Recited in Latin Algebra and Greek. It rained,

4. Friday. Recited in Latin Algebra and Greek. It rained quite hard this marning. My father came over in the afternonn and setlled up bills and then we came home.

5. Saturday. Went up to Uncle William Shepherds.

6. Sunday. Went to meeting at the Car School house.

7. Monday. Cultivated the corn one way.

8. Tuesday. Sheared six sheep.

9. Wednesday. My father finished shearing sheep. I went up to the village (Otego) and bought a bottle of ink. and some fish hooks.

10. Thursday. It rained some. We hoed a little corn.

11. Friday. Cultivated outcorn some and hoed some. It rained quite hard in the afternoon.

12. Saturday. My father drawed a load of wood down to Elder Simpson and got four barrels of ashes. I cultivated corn and hoed some.

13. Sunday. My mother and Mrs. Merriman went up the creek to meeting. I went up to the meeting house in the forenoon to hear Elder Amner Bird. (Rind)

14. Monday. We made fence along by the creek. Mr. Case and wife came here from Harpursville and staid all nightx

15. Tuesday. Hoed corn.

16. Wednesday. Finished cultivating our corn. I cultivated Isaac Coles corn. (Father of Mrs. Henry Birdsall)

17. Thursday. Hoed corn. Mr. Cole had horse to go up to Mr. Fuller's. Elder Miller came here from Smithville. I lent my father $2.50.

18. Friday. Dolphus Smith (cousin)(son of Nathan Smith and Margaret Birdsall) helped me hoe corn in the forenoon for which I am to help him. Finished hoeing corn and went over to Franklin. My father plowed the buckwheat ground on the hill

19. Saturday. Ashed the corn. It rained.

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July.

1. Thursday. We all went to meeting but grandfather Birdsall. I staid all night at Uncle William Shepherds. Elder Miller came tol late to take any part in the meeting. He is to stay over Sunday.

2. Friday. Plowed out the corn one way. My father plowed on the sumer fallow.

3. Saturday. Uncle David Shepherd's man with team helped my father plow on the fallow.

4. Sunday. My father and mother went up the creek to meeting. Elder Miller came home with them. Went up to the meetiing house to meeting in the P.M. Elder Miller preached. My cousin came here on his way to school and staid all night.

5. Monday. Went up to Laurens with my cousins George & Martin Cole. (Nephews of Henry Birdsall and Sally Cole.) to the Rechabite celebration. Went to Oneonta in the P.M. and finally concluded to go to school there a spell and study the new system of Arithmetick.

9. Friday. I came home in the P.M. very dry and dusty .

10. Saturday. Plastered corn and stirred out hay in the A.M. In the P.M. drawed in hay. It rained some.

11. Sunday. My parents went up the creek to meeting. In the P.M. Went back to Oneonta (about 5 miles North east)

17. Saturday. School closed at noon. In the P.M. returned home and found my father had commenced haying.

18. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting with mother. They had the meeting in the woods and it rained so hard they had to break up. My Uncle Berthier Bancroft and Aumt Eliza Bancroft Came here last Friday but they have been over the river a visiting so that I have not seen them till today

19. Monday. My father has hired Elder Miller to help him through haying. They mowed on the flat today. I went over to Uncle Nathan's (Birdsall, Smith or Pearce ?) after a cradle to cut the rye. Berthier and Aunt Eliza went down to Daniel Birdsalls a visiting. (Berthier Bancroft) We got in two loads of hay. Cradled rye.

21. Wednesday. I and Berthier Bancroft went down to Uncle Wilson,s a visiting. It rained very hard in the P.M. accompanied by very hard thunder. My father and the Elder cradled rye. Berthier Bancroft returned home.

22. Thursday. Went over to Uncle Nathan's to carry home his cradle. It rained quite hard. I went to Mr. Austin's after mother who was there a visiting. I borrowed a couple of books of him. George Cole got our white mare

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20. Sunday. Went to the funeral of Eliza Bundy. It rained in the evening.

21. Monday. My father went up to see Uncle William H. Birdsall's little biy who is quite sick. Finished plastering the corn. John Birdsall fell off of the roof of his house which he was engaged in shingling and injured his head very much so that it was feared he will not live.

22. Tuesday. My father and I went on to the hill to sow buckwheat. We sowed about half of the piece and dragged it in when it began to rain so that we had to leave off.

23. Wednesday. Commenced plowing summer fallow.

24. Thursday. Went down to Harpursville to cary Miss Meriman mhome to to get a dog power to churn with.

25. Friday. Visited around among my old friends.in Hatpursville. Attended the funeral of Esquire Northrup's son, age 14 years.

26. Saturday. Returned home. A very hot day. Some showers. I found three of my cousins at home whem I came here who came here from Elmira to visit us. I had never seen them before.

27. Sunday. My parents and two of my cousins went up to the village (Otego) to meeting. Grandmother and children went up the creek to meeting.

28. Monday. My cousins started for home this morning..

29. Tuesday. My father got Mr. John Oscar Birdsall's oxen to plow the summer fallow. I plowed about two hours when it rained and I had to quit.

30. Wednesday. Went up to general meeting which was held in the woods. There were four preachers. My father plowed on the fallow

23. Friday. Mowed some in the A.M. David Shepherd cradled rye for us. My father and the elder got in Davids hay. We got in two loads of our hay.

24. Saturday. My father and the Elder mowed in the A.M. and in the P.M. drawed in two loads. Elder Miller had the white mare to go up the creek.

25. Sunday. Our folks all went up the creek to meeting. In the P.M. it rained very hard.

26. Monday. Mowed on the flat.

27. Tuesday. My father worked for David Shepherd and David cradled rye for us.

28. Wednesday. Ransom Shepherd (cousin) and Delos helped us mow the clover. In the P.M. they raked and bound rye.

29. Thursday. George shepherd and Samuel Smith helped us mow a spell in the morning and then raked and bound rye till noon. George took the job to bind the whole. My father and I raked and cocked up the hay by the bank of the river and drawed in the clover. Elder Miller started for home.

30 Friday. My father changed work with Oliver Birdsall. Oliver cradles the rye and my father mows. Dolphus Smith (cousin) helped us draw in two loads of hay from the bank of the river.

31. Saturday. Went up to the village (Otego). My father and mother went up the creek to covenant meeting.

AUGUST

1. Sunday. Went to meeting at the village (Otego). My father and mother went up the creek.

2. Mr. George Shepherd helped us draw in rye. Our rye is very heavy this year. Ransome and Delos Shepherd (Cousins) mowed down on the flat for us.

3. Tuesday. George helped us draw in two more loads of rye. Father drawed in a load for Milo Smith and two loads of rye for Isaac Cole. George drawed in one load of hay for us from the flat.

4. Wednesday. Father drawed in rye for David Shepherd. I cut Canada Thistles.

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 17 yrs.
1847
August

5. Thur. Rantsom & George Shepherd helped us mow on the on the flat in the am., and in the pm helped us draw in.

6. Fri. Rantsom and George helped us finish on the flat and started for Fort Plain with a load for George Cole, went as far as Milford.

7 Sat. Arrived at Fort Plain and unloaded and got a load of flour for a man in Milford.

8 L. Came back to Milford and staid all night.

9 Mon. Mr. Cole took the team to go to Fort Plain again with another load and I returned home.

10. Tue. Drawed in a load of hay from the hill and cut some oats in the flat.

11. Wed. Went over to the other side of the river black berrying. My father and Elder Miller mowed some for Oliver Birdsall/

12 Thur. Elder Miller started for home.. Father craddled oats on the flat. Mr. Cole came home with our team.

13. Fri. Father mowed for Oliver Birdsall this am.

14. Sat. Drawed in the oats from the flat. George Shepherd helped us rake and bind in the pm.

15, L. Went up the creek to meeting. Martin came home with us to stay a short time.

16 Aug. Mon. My father cut the barley and thrashed oats with the horses.

17. Tue. Mowed some on the hill. rained.

18 Wed. Delos and Martin Shepherd helped us mow on the hill. Went up to the village in the eve to a law suit between Abner Ferry and John Smith.

19. Thur. Drawed in two loads of hay from the hill. Mowed some a dragged some on the fallow.

20.Fri. Cradled oats on the hill. Father dragged on summer fallow. Drawed in one load of barley.

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1847
August.

21. Sat. Went to carding machine and mill, father dragged on fallow. in pm.

22. Sun. Fa~her, mother and the children went up the creek to meeting.

23. Mon. Thrashed oats. Father dragged on fallow.

24. Tue. Dtawed in remainder of the barley. Drawed in one load of oats from the hill.

25. Wed. Craddled oats on the hill. I went home with Uncle William Birdsall in evening.

26. Thur. Went over to Gilbertsville to the Academy had quite a pleasant visit with some of my old mates.

27. Fri. Drawed in one load of oats. Rant Shepherd helped us rake and bind it/ Went to get some bass-wood boards for wagon bottom.

28. Sat. Went up to the carding machine to get some rolls. Mowed some clover for seed. Father drawed stone.

29. L. Parents went up the creek to meeting, Uncle Henry Birdsall returned with them.

30. Mon. Went blackberrying, father drawed stone.

31. Tue. Plowed in the forenoon. Father cut clover seed in the am. plowed in the pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 17 yrs. Son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
1847
Sept.
1. Crqdled oats. Father plowed.

2. Thur. Cradled oats in the am. Father plowed in pm. Cleaned up oats and drawed in one load of clover. Finished cradling oats.

3. Fri. Thrashed clover. Father plowed on fallow.

4. Sat. Rantsom and Delos Shepherd helped us finish Thrashing clover in am. Rantsom helped us finish raking and binding and drawing in our oats.

5. L. My parents went up the creek to meeting. Tabatha Burdick came home with them to do our spinning.

6 Mon. Father dragged on the fallow and I commenced cutting corn.

7. Tue. Commenced thrashing seed rye. Father plowed on the fallow and I cut corn.

8.Wed. Cut corn. Father finished plowing on fallow.

9. Thur. Russell Shepherd threshed rye for us. In the afternoon I went up the creek with Aunt Susan and Grandmother. Hard rain.

10. Fri. Returned home, Shelled corn with the machine in pm. Cut corn.

11; Sat. Was taken sick last night with very high fever which has been broke up so that I am some better sltbo still quite warm.

12. L. I am not well enough to go out doors.

13. Mon. Rain. Shelled corn.

14. Tue. Rain. Shelled corn and cleaned it up. Russell ,Shepherd threshed rye for us and cut corn.

15. Wed. Started for Harpursville to collect some money for my father and get the widow Mrriman to sew for us.

18. Sat..Returned home, have had a very pleasant time. Got $52.00 for my father. When I got home I found my Uncle Berthier here. Came to go to school. Father had finished cutting corn and buckwheat and sewed his fallow.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft
1847
19. L. Went over the river to meeting with Berthier. My parents went up the creek.

20. Mon. Sold out two year old heifer for $18.00 Hired O. Birdsall's oxen to plow with. Father and Berthier plowed, I dug potatoes.

21. Tue. I and Berthier plowed. My father went to the store and bought cloth for me a coat. Cleaned up some rye. Got measured for coat.

22. Wed. Bought some buttons for coat for which I paid 5/. My father and Berthier plowed. In the am I plowed.

28. Thur. Have been sick with the chicken pox since last Thursday. Rain for the week past. My father and mother, Aunt Tacy my little brother and myself started for New York about 2 oclock, we went as far as East Davenport where we staid all night.

29. Wed. Went to general meeting at Blenheim. In the pm. we started on our journey about 4 oclock and went Went as far as John Birdsall's where we took breakfast and then went as far as Elder Choates in Blenheim where staid all night.

30. Thur. Went to General meeting at Blenheim in the pm. We started on our journey about 4 oclock and went as far as Scienceville, staid all night.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. Son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.
1847, 18 yrs.
October.

1. Fr. Went as far as Curtisses tavern on the Catskill Mountain where we took breakfast. We got to Athens about 4 oclock in the pm. Crossed the Hudson river in a horse ferry boat to Hudson City and then went about 4 miles to my cousin, Edward Demarest's house in the town of Claverack, Columbia County where we st id all night.

2. Sat. My cousinDemarest took us down to the Hudsaon with his horses so we could get aboard the steamboat for N.Y. We got our steam boat tickets for a shilling apiece. The steam boat came along about 8 oclock, we got aboard and she started off. The steamboat was large, nice built one called the Troy. She went rapidly down the river landing at several places to take on passengers and let others out till we got to Terry Town where we came up with another large steam boat called the Alida, which was broken down, she then took aboard all the passengers of the Alida and then went on. We got to N.Y. about sun down. We then took an omnibus to Bethune where our friends reside, ariving about 8 pm.

3. L. Went to meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Hammond Street in am. In pm to Dr. Cones churchin Broome street. In the eve to St Mathew's church

4. Mon. Went to Select school where two of my cousins are employed, it was much the grander school ever saw. The rest of the day I s ent travelling around to diffent parts of the city, took supper at my cousin Carrie's house.

5. Tue. My cousin Mrs. Crane went with us to the blind Asylum which is a large grand stone building where the blinc are taught to read and write and to sew and knit and do different kinds of work. We then went to the Croton Waterworks called the lower reseroor which is a grand structure buikt of stone. We then went to the deaf and dumb Asylum where they teach schollars by signs and motions of the hands. They have extensive work shops here whre they carry on the different trades, shoe making, tailoring, book=binding, etc. We then took an omnibus to Trinity Church on Broadway which has the highest steeple in the city and has nine bells. We then went to the museum where we saw Gen Tom humb in different dreses and several other performers. Then to Mr. Cranes.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, Son of Dr. J,D.Bancroft
1847
October.

6. Wed. My father and I went to Dr. Fitche's on Brodway in the am. In the pm we all went to Mr. Rodes Coles in Alleen St., My father bought a gold pen for me for which he paid $2.00 and some books. After supper we went down to the wharf and got aboard the steam boat Hudson which soon started for Hudsan. I sat on deck a spell watching the fast receding City. Then went to the cabin and soon took my birth and when awoke the next morning we were at Hudson.

7. Thur. My cousin came down soon after daylight and we got to his house before breakfast. We found our horses much recruited. My father and mother went over to Mr. Miller's, I went over to my cousin Jeremiah Williams house

8 Fri.It rained some, I husked corn for my cousin.

9 Sat. My parents came over to Mr. Williams.Thursday my parents went down to Hudson with Mrs. Demarest to trade. They found they could by dry goods a great deal cheaper than at home.

10 L. Went to meeting at the Dutch Reformed Church in in Claverack. In evening attended a lecture.

11. Mon. We went to Hudsan to meet Aunt Tacy who was coming up from Poughkeepsie ina steam boat. She arrived about 3 oclock. She had to do some trading and then about 4 oclock we got started home. We came as far as Curtis's Tavern on the Mountain where we staid all night.

12. Tue We came on as far as Windom Center where we took breakfast, we then came on as far as Blenheim when it began to rain so we had to put up for the night at Mr. Coates.

13. Wed. We came on to Davenport where we took dinner and then came on home. Found my grandfather rather unwell (home is Otego)

14 Thur. Dug potatoes and drawed in pumpkins. Rather cold.

15. Fri. Picked winter apples and drawed in corn and pumpkins.

16. Sat. Picked apples and dug potatoes and drawed some in.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft
1847 17 yrs.
October
17. L. Went up the creek to meeting. In the evening atten ed a lecture on a new method of learning to sing at the Presb terian house.

18. Mon. Uncle William Birdsall and his boys came downhere to pick apples. My father and I picked winter apples and drawed pumpkins into the orchard to feed the cows.

19 Tue. Dug potatoes and drawed in corn

20 Wed. Husked corn and dug potatoes, father went to village.

21 Thur. Finished digging potatoes and drawed some into shed.

22. Fri. Finished drawing in pumpkins and drawed in some corn that Rant Shepherd had husked. Rain.

23. Sat. Went to the village with Mrs. Merrman & Alda Pierce. Drawed a load of wood down to Mr. Simpson Father gathered apples.

24 Sun/ Rain. Parents went up the creek to meeting. Went to Singing school.

25. Mon. Gathered apples.

26. Gathered apples for making cider, Uncle Henry came.

27. Wed. Father started for Hapursville with Mrs. Merriman & Uncle Henry. I husked corn in the field.

28. Thur. Finished gathering apples for cider and husked corn in the field.

29. Fri. Finished corn in the field. Father and Uncle Henry returned this afternoon.

30 Sat. Finished drawing in corn, George Shepherd gelped me. Drawed in Rant Shepherds corn and sold our share of the stalks.

31. L. My parents went up the creek to meeting. I went over to Uncle Nathan's a ter Virgil, cold nights.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, living
at Otego, N.Y.
1847 17 years.
November.

1. Mon. Bought .88 worth of tin for George. Went up to O. Birdsalls after sheep. In the pm plowed on the rye stubble.

2. Tue. Went up the creek with a load of apples for cider and went to election. Father plowed with Uncle William Birdsall's horses.

3. Wed. Plowed in am and pm shelled corn. My father went over to Uncle Nathan's who is quite unwell.

4. Thur. Huskedcorn father plowed.

5. Fri. Husked corn and chopped wood. Father went to mill and plowed.

6. Sat. Went to the fulling mill and to the grist mill and husked corn. Father plowed in the am and went up the creek with mother in the pm

7. L. Parents returned home

8. Mon. Plowed on the hill in the am. Husked corn in pm.

9, Tue.Went over to Uncle Nathan's with grandfather and grandmother, Rain. Husked corn.

10. Wed. Went up into the woods with Uncle Henry for some oak timber for a wagon this am. In pm went over to Uncle Nathans for Grandfather and granmather. In the evening went to singing school abd bought a new fashioned singing book. $0.50

11. Thur. Drawed wood off from the hill. Husked corn in the evening.
12. Fri. Finished husking corn. Father went up the creek after cider.
13. Sat. Went over to Franklin after my table,

14. L.My parents went up the creek to meeting. My cousin, Mille Birdsall came home with them for the purpose of boarding here and attending school.

15. Mon. Commenced attending a school taught by a Mr. Converse and study Algebra, Latin, grammer and Virgil.

16. Tue. Attended school. Rain.

17. Wed. School. cleared off

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, otego,N.Y.
1847
November.
18 Thur. School

19. Fri. School. In the evening attended singing school on the new plan taught by Thadeus Birdsall.

20. Sat. School did not keep. Cold.

21. L. Went up the creek to meeting. My cousin Martin Shepherd came home for the purpose of attending school here. He is to board at Banjamin Shepherd's and lodge here.

22. Mon. School

23 Tue. School. Father went up the creek with my grandfather.

24. Wed. School.

25. Thur. Thankshiving. School did not keep. Plowed greensward for corn next year.

26. Fri. School. My Unlce Ira Bancroft came here. In the eveing went to singing school. Snowed some.

27. Sat. My cousin Andrew came down here and Mille and Martin went home withhim. My cousin Albert Shepherd. from Wisconsin Territory came today. Bought a new Fown's Spelling book, 12½ cents.

28. L. Went up the creek to meeting, my Unlces Ira and Berthier also.

29.Mon. School. My little brother Demarest is quite unwell with a cold and we are afraid he is threatened with rattles.

30. Tue. My little brother Demarest died today about half after 12 oclock of congestion of the lungs aged 4 years and 3 days.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Otego,N.Y.
1847
December.

1. Wed. My uncle William H. Birdsall preached the funeral sermon today at our house at 1 oclock pm. From Eclesiastes, 7 and 2nd."It is better to go to the House of mourning than to the house of feasting." "It was my little brothers wish to be buried in Harpursville by the side of his two brothers".

2 Thur. My father, mother, Uncle William Birdsall, Aunt Tacy and myself started for Harpursville to bury him.

3. Fri. Buried my little brother by the side of his other brothers

4. Sat. My father and mother went up the creek to covenant meeting. I went up to Uncle Williams to carry Alda home. Stayed all night.

5 Sun. Went to meeting up the creek.

6. Mon. School. My Unlce Ira started home.

7. Tue. School. My cousin Martin commenced boarding here. Seven shillings (7/) a week.

8. Wed. School. My father went up the creek to get some corn ground with the cob.

9. Thur. School. Commenced studying in the room up stairs.

10. Fri. School. Rain.

11. Sat. The creek is very high and it has carried off a good deal of our fence. Cut wood.

12. Sun. Rain in pm. The river overflowed its banks. My mother is sick and father has gone up the creek for Alda Pierce to work for us.

14. Mon. School. In the eve. singing school.

15. Wed. School

16. Thur. School

17. Fri. Bought a book called Science of Government. School in am. In pm went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsalls. Visited school on that side of the river.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft
1847
Decmber.

19. L. Went to meeting. My cousin Alber Shepherd is very sick with fever.

20 Mon. School. My mother has gone to visiting today for the first time she has been out since she has been sick.

21. 22. 23. School.

24. Fri. Staid home to assist about killing hogs and a fat cow. George Green and A. Potter helped us. We let M.Smith and S Baldwin have each a quater.

25. Sat. Christmas. Went up to the village and got a bushel of packing salt, $1.00. Father and mother went over to Nathan Birdsalls.

26. L. Milla and Alda, Birthier and I. went up the creek to meeting.

27. Mon.School.

28. Tue. School. In the eve singing school. My parents visited at Dr. Saunder's

29. Wed. School. My cousin Nathan Shepherd is married. Today.

30. Thur. School. Father paid Mr. Bennett $50.00 towords his Bainbridge farm. My parents went up to Uncle William Shepherds

31. Fri. School does not keep today. Went over to Franklin a horse back. Father and Uncle Henry are getting logs out of the woods

1. January, Saturday. My parents went up the creek to covenant meeting. Uncles Henry and Berthier Bancroft got out logs. 2. Sunday. Rained last night turning to snow this morning. 49

3. Monday. Went up to the village (Otego) and bought a price 2/6 In the P.M. went to the hill and got a load of wood.

4. Tuesday. Attended school and in the evening Singing school. Bought a jackknife priced 2/6

5. Wednesday. Attended School. My parents have gone up to Uncle William Shepherds. My cousin Albert is very sick and they do not expect him to live., Snowed some.

6. Attended school

7. Attended school.

8. Was unwell and di d not attend school.

9. Sunday. Snowed last night so as to make good sleighing.

10. Monday. Attended school.

11. Attended school. Very cold so that some persons froze themselves considerable. The thermometer stood at 30° below zero. Attended singing school.

12. Wednesday. Attended school.

13. Thursday. Did not attend school. Uncle William Shepherd's boys were threshing here with the machine and I had to stay at home to help. Commenced thawing.

14. Friday. Went to school in the fore-noon. Mr. Converse did not keep i the afte rnoon. In the evening went over to Uncle Nathan's visiting with Mille, Alda, Uncle Berthier Bancroft and John Smith's young folks.

15. Saturday. Cleaned up about 60 bushels of rye. Raining the snow is pretty much all gone off.

16. Sunday. My parents went up the creek to meeting. Thawed and is quite muddy.

17. Monday. Attended school. In the evening Uncle Berthier Bancroft And I went up to Uncle Shepherds to see Albert found him very low. Not expected to live through the night. Uncle Berthier Bancroft is a going to work for Uncle William Birdsall this week. Cold and ground rough.

18. Tuesday. Attended school. My father and mother went up to Uncle William Sheperds to set up with Albert. I went to singing school.

19. Wednesday. My parents came home. Albert was a little easier again. I attended school. My father went up to see Albert again. Mr. Converse and some of the scool girls visited here this evening. Cold

Otego
January. 1848

50 20. Thursday. I attended school. My father went over the river to a van dieu. He bought a two year old heifer for a little over $14.00, a Chaldron kettle, six tin pans and some ropes.

21. Friday. Attended school.

22. Saturday. Attended school.

23. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting.

24. Monday. Mycousin Albert died last night about 12 M. I attended school.

25. Tuesday. Attended school and in the evening singing school.

26. Wednesday. Attended my cousin alberts funeral. Uncle William Birdsall preached the funeral serman, "tho he slay me yet I will trust in him."

27. Thursday. Attended school. My father and Uncle Henry w went up the creek.

28. Friday. Attended school. My father sold his share to this place to Uncle William Shepherd for $1500.00 We are to move away the first of April. Muddy.

29. Saturday. Went up to the village (Otego) with mother and carried some dried apples for which we got 3 cents a pound. Shelled corn. Freezing again.

30 Sunday. My father and Uncle Henry went up the creek to meeting.

31. Monday. Attended school.

February 1. Tuesday. Attended scholl and in the evening Singing school.

2. Wednesday. My father has sold his right to this farm to Uncle William Shepherd for $1500 He has bought a yolk of oxen and a sled for---

3. Thursday. Attended school. Quite muddy. Father started for Harpursville

4. Friday. Attended school.

5. Saturday. Threshed rye in the forenoon. In the P.M. had George Coles horses to go up to Uncle William Birdsall's to carry Mille and Alda Home for which they are to pay all charges. Let Delos Shepherd have a half bushel of oats for George. My father returned from Harpursville.

February 1848.

25. Friday. Attended school my Parents went over to Uncle Nthan Birdsall's

26. Saturday. My father sold some hay to Milo Smith. Weughout and dvawed down 10 Cwt. of hay. Clear.

27. Sunday. My parents have gone up the creek to meeting.

28. Monday. Attedned school. Uncle William Shepherd and family came down here to live. Snowedsome.

29. Tuesday. Attended school and in the evening singing school.

March, 1848

1. Wednesday. Attended school.

2. Thursday. Attended school. Mr. E. R. Brewer had the h horses and sleigh yesterday to go over to Gilbertswille. Returned them today.

3. Friday. Attended school.

4. Saturday. Parents went up the creek to covenant meeting aand staid all night with Uncle William

5. Sunday. Prents returned home.

6. Monday. I attended school.

7. Tuesday. My patents started for Sangerfield. My cousin William Birdsall came here and staid all night.

8. Wednesday. Uncle william Birdsall had a son born yesterday . Attended school . My parents returned home. It was so muddy they could not proceed. Let Mr. Clyde have 50 pounds of hay.

9. Thursday. Attended school.

10. Friday. Attended school.

11. Saturday. Attended school.

12. Sunday. Blustering.

13. Monday. Have got a very bad cold so that I could not attend school.

14. Tuesday. Did not attend school. My father started for Harpursville.

15. Wednesday. My father sold 24 bushels of rye for 5/4 per bushel. Did not attend school.

16. Thursday. Did not attend school. My father returned.

17. Friday. Did not attend school.

March 1848. Otego, N.Y.

18. Saturday. My father got 9 pounds of tea at 54 cents per pound at the auction.

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19. Sunday. My parents went up the creek to meeting.

20. Monday. Was too unwell to attend school.

21. Tuesday. Attended school and in the evening Singing School. Very muddy.

22. Wednesday. Attended school.

23. Thursday. Attended school. Pleasant.

24. Friday. Attended school. Clear. Very muddy.

25. Saturday. Attended school. My father and Uncle Berthier Bancroft went up to the saw mill to move the logs on the raceway. Clear and pleasant.

26. Sunday. My parents and Uncle William s have gone up the creek to meeting.

27. Monday. Attended school.

28. Tuesday. Attended school clear.

29. Wednesday. Attended school. Muddy.

30. Thursday. Attended school, Muddy.

31. Friday. Attended school. Our school closed up to day. Paid Mr. Converse $6.50 for schooling and room rent. Bought a Virgil from him for which I paid $1.00. My father paid Ruth Haris and Aldas school bills.

1848 April, (Moving from Otego.)

1. Saturday. My parents went up the creek to covenant meeting and staid all night.

2. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting. Very muddy.

3. Monday. Made fence on the hill.

4. Tuesday. Prepared wood.

5. Wednesday. Went to the village and bought a pane of glass. The roads begin to be settled considerably.

6. Thursday. Fixed Fence.

7. Friday. Went up to Uncle Nathan Pierce;s and staid all night. Pleasant.

8. Saturday. Returned home. Aunt Susan , Almira and Gilbert*came home with me. It has got to be good Wagoning. Charles and I went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsalls and staid all night. *(Almira and charles Gilbert a cousin)

9. Sunday. My parents went up the creek to meeting. I went up to the village (Otego) to episcopal-Methodist meetings.

10. Monday. Chopped wood. My father went up to Uncle John Birdsall with Uncle William Shepherd. Pleasant.

11. Tuesday. My father started for Bainbridge with a load of goods. Elder Warden and nephew from Tompkins staid here over night. Sold a bushel of oats to Royal Shepherd at 3/.

12. Wednesday. Cleared out the corn chamber. It rained some last night. Grass has started considerable. Uncle William Shepherd has sown oats.

13. Thursday. Mother has gone up to Doctor Saunders . Raining and snowed a little.

14. Friday. The ground is white with snow.

15. Saturday. Went to Singing school in the afternoon.

17. Monday. Fixed fence on the Goddard's land where we had drawed logs to the mill. Drawed wood.

18. Tuesday. My fathesr and I started for Bainbridge, (21 miles southwest of Otego on the road to Binghamton) (Only 12 miles from Harpursville) with 2 hiefers and 9 sheep. We got there a little before dark.

19. Wednesday. It rained last night. Fix d fence by the creek.

20. Thursday. Uncle Henry Williams sowed some oats and peas. Father dragged with the horses and plowed with oxen.

1848 Bainbridge, N.Y.
April 21.

54 21. Friday. Father finished dragging in the oats and I went to south Bainbridge with Sally to the mill. At 2 oclock father and I started back to Otego where we arrived a little after dark.

22. Saturday. Loaded up some clover chaff to take to Bainbridge. My father and mother went up to Uncle William Birdsall's. I went to singing school.

23. Sunday. Rained in the afternoon.

24. Monday. My father started for Bainbridge. Uncle Berthier Bancroft filed the saws.

25. Tuesday. Sawed wood.

26. Wednesday. Let Royal Shepherd have 1 ½ bushels of oats. Sawed wood.

27. Thursday. SAwed wood.

28. Friday. Went to village and to stone quarry.

29. Saturday. Father returned from Bainbridge. Rained. went to singing school in evening.

30. Sunday. Patents went up the creek to meeting.

May, 1848. Bainbridge.

1. Monday. Went p the creek with grandmother hiefer and and calf, as far as A. N. Shepherd's where Uncle Nathan Pierce is a going to get her. Father and Berthier chopped wood on the hill. Rained at night.

2. Tuesday. Father started for Bainbridge. Let Royal Shepherd have half a bushel of seed corn. Let Elder Simpson have a bushel and a half of oats. Commenced turning a couple cows on Uncle William's pasture.

3. Wednesday. Uncle William Shepherd, Augustus and John Birdsall were taken with a warrant today for misdemeanor about library money,while they were trustees. John was discharged. Uncle William Shepherd and Augustus had their adjourned till Saturday. Uncle William Birdsall and Aunt Harriet came down here and staid all night.

4. Thursday. Went to the funeral of old Mrs. Hunt at the Prebyterian meeting house. Uncle William Shepherd was taken with a county writ for slander of Horace knapp, returnable the 10th instant.

1848.
May

5. Rained some last night. My father returned home from Bainbridge. Sally and her children came with him.

6. Saturday.Father and I went out to the hill to split out some rails. Went down to the Simpson's with a load of wood. In the P.M. went up to Uncle William Shepherds trial. He was cleared wibhout bringing forward a witness.

7. Sunday. Parents went up the creek to meeting. After meeting they went up to Uncle William Birdsalls and staid all night.

8. Monday. Parents returned home. Got 2 bushels of wheat of Uncle William. Father started for Bainbrig ge again.

9. Tuesday. Sorted potatoes. Raining. Bought a wash board for mother for which I paid 2/

10. Wednesday. Sorted potatoes and sawed wood.. Rained.

11. Thursday. Kept a peddler over night for 5/ . Rained.

12. Friday. Finished sorting potatoes and sawed wood. Uncle Berthier Bancroft started peddling for Mr. Heliker (tailor) Rained.

13. Saturday. Went up to the village Otego) Worked a ¼ of a day for Uncle William Shepherd a planting corn. Rained.

14. Suanday. Rained.

15. Monday. Worked ¼ of a day for Isaac Coale a planting corn, for 1/6. Bought a snuff pox, price 1/

16. Tuesday. Went up to the village (Otego) to a slander suit.

17. Wednesday. Planted corn for Uncle William Shepherd ½ day. Aplle trees in full blossom.

18. Thursday. Worked for Uncle William Shepherd all day marking out corn.

19. Friday. Father returned home from Bainbridge. Rain.

20. Saturday. Parents went up the creek to extra church meeting. Staid over night.

21. Sunday. Parents returned home.

1848
May Moving to Bainbridge, N.Y.

56 22. Monday. Prepared wood. Turned our horses in Uncle William Shepherds pasture. Rain.

23. Tuesday. Went up to Johnson Fawley's got 19 pounds of pottatoes. To mill.

24. Wednesday. Father and I started for Bainbridge. We took down our hens and some seed oats. Helped Uncle Henry Birdsall finish planting the corn.

25. Thursday. Plowed a couple of patches of potatoes and planted some.

26. Friday. John Wilkinson helped us a half day planting potatoes. Dragged some.

27. Saturday. Father finished planting potatoes. I plowed with the oxen some ground for oats. Stuck pumpkin seeds and drawed out one load of manure. In the P.M. returned home. Hot.

28. Sunday. Went up the flax island creek to old Mrs. Places funeral. Parents went up to Uncle William's meeting.

29. Monday. Father started for Bainbridge. From there he is going to Harpursville to collect some money to pay Mr. Bennett. Rain.

30. Tuesday. Prepared wood. Rain.

31. Wednesday. Prepared wood. Bought half a dozen buttons.

1848.
June Moving to Bainbridge.

1. Thursday. Sorting potatoes.

2. Friday. Prepared wood. My father returned home.

3. Saturday. Went up to the village (Otego) to the raising of Mr. Folletts store. Parents went up the creek to covenant meeting.

4. Sunday. Went up the creek to carry Milla home.

5. Monday. Father started to Bainbridge with a load of goods. Rained.

6. Tuesday. He returned home.

7. Wednesday. We packed up goods and loaded one load.

8. Thursday. We started for Bainbridge with a load of goods 2 cows and 2 hogs. The hogs tired and about two miles above north Banbridge we left them and came on with the rest.

9. Friday. We came on where we left the hogs and father came on with them and I came back to Otego.

June

10. Moving to Bainbridge, N.Y. Fastened two light wagons together. Loaded with goods. Mother and Alvira came.

11. Sunday. Went to meeting at the Methodist Chapel at Bainbridge. Uncle Henry started for Otego to carry my grand mother up to Uncle Nathan Pierce.

12. Monday. Hoed corn for Uncle Henry.

13. Tuedsay. Cold, it froze. Went over the creek and got a load of brush for the peas. Father bushed the peas and hoed in the garden. Uncle Henry returned home with a load of goods for us. He says there are some pieces of corn cut to the ground by frost at Otego. There is only once and a while a hill hit here.

14. Wednesday. Cultivated out Uncle Henry,s corn and one piece of our own. Finished hoeing Henry's and hoed some of our own. Cloudy.

15. Thursday. Rained last night. Cultivated at the other piece of corn.. Father and Henry finished hoeing the other and sheared the sheep. Warm.

16. Friday. Hoed corn and Father and Henry went over on Page brook. Father bought yearling hiefers at a little over $6.00 a head. Clear and hot.

17. Saturday. Finished hoeing corn.

18. Sunday. Went to the chapel in the forenoon and in the P.M. Singing school. Rain.

19. Monday. Plastered our piece of corn and weeded Onion bed. Father and Henry went to Colesville to look up sheep. father bought 22 and 1.00 a head. Rain.

20. Tuesday. Cleaned gun and weeded in garden. Henry, Sally and the children started in the wagon for Otego. Father bought 56 sheep at $1.00 a head, of Mr. Stevens down towards south Bainbridge. Set out cabbage plants. Rain. Henry P. Birdsall, debtor, to horse for Sally to South Bainbrideg.

21. Wednesday. Dragged and rolled the milking yard.

22. Thursday. Had Mr. Chauncey Hydes horse to plow out potatoes in the A.M. In the P,M. my father hoed potatoes and I plastered our other piece of corn and Uncle Henry's.

23. Friday. Finished hoeing potatoes. Rained.

24. Saturday. Fixed fence and dragged on buckwheat ground.

25. Sunday. Commenced pasturing Mr. Darby's cow. Attended singing school and meeting at the chapel.

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26. Monday. Planted a dozen hills of potatoes. Limes in the hill to see what they would amount to. Ashed potatoes. father dragged.

27. Tuesday. Dragged in the lower piece of buckwheat. Father and Henry worked on the summer fallow. In the P.M. went down to the village (Bainbridge) and the mill.

28. Wednesday. Father and I worked on the road all day. Rain. A fine growing season.

29. Thursday. Father and Henry commenced plowing on the summer fallow. Father worked on the road.

30. Friday. Henry plowed on the summer fallow. Father drawed stones.

July. 1848

1. Saturday. Father and mother and Almira started for Otego. Henry plowed on the fallow and I wheeled wood intotthe shed.

2. Sunday. Went to singing school and meeting at the Chapel. Elder Russel a Fre Baptist minister preached. Raining.

3. Monday. It rained all night and all the forenoon today. The creek is higher tha it has been for 5 years previous. It has took off some of our fence.

4. Tuesday. Went down to the Village (Bainbridge) parents returned home. I and Henry fixed fence.

5. Wednesday. Henry plowed on the fallow. Father dragged and drawed stones. I worked in the garden and helped mother.

6. Thursday. Father was sent for last night to go to see a sick man about a mile and a half below Harpursville. I went down after him today and took down a bunch of wool to the machine. Bought anew plow. Let mR Hovey have 1½ bushels of potatoes.

7. Friday. Hoed corn in the A.M. In the P.M.cultivated corn for Uncle Henry.

8. Saturday. Cultivated for Uncle Henry a little in the A.M/ Daniel Merritt helped us hoe corn a half day to pay for a half days work we done for them. Fother went down to see Soloman Eldredge again. Mr. Merritt began pasturing his horses here the 6th of July. Pleasant.

9. Sunday. Mr. Chamberlain and lady came over here. Wentto Singing school and meeting at the chapel. Father returned from Harpurscille. He brought the news that Walker coles tavern stand was burnt to the ground with the sheds in which was a valuable span of horses last evening. Loss about $3,000.00. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Rain.

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July 1848

10. Monday. Sorted pitatoes and picked cherries. Henry plowed and father drawed stones. Father went to Harpursville again.

11. Tuesday. Hoed in the garden and went down to the village (Bainbridge) to a law suit. Pleasant.

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21. Friday. Went over to Mr. Merritts to grind a new Scythe. Father and Henry mowed and spread it out. Drawed in one load of hay. Shower.

22. Saturday. Went to Oxford and to old Mr. Butts (father of John Oscar Birdsall's wife.) in east Green village, with grandmother and Alvira. Bought a sack of salt. Rain.

23. Sunday. Came back as far as Mr. Leach's where we took dinner and returned home. Rain.

24. Monday. Went to North Bainbridge with a firkin of butter for which I got $.12 a pound. Father and Henry fixed the cow shed. Had Mr. Jones one horse wagon to go to Oxford.

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July, 1848

26. Wdnesday. Drawed in a.load of hay. Went up to Morris Newton's for a girl for Uncle Henry.

27. Thursday. Father and Henry mowed and I spread. Got in three loads of hay. Rained. It would all have got wet if it had not been for the horse rake. Hiram Fowler came here a little afternoon and is a going to stay all night.

28. Friday. Father and henry Mowed in the A.M. and I spread it out. In the P,M, raked it up with the horse rake and left it in bumches. Pleasant

29. Saturday. Killed a lamb. Let Henry have a quarter and D.W.Pearsoll a quarter. Went to New Ohio to carry Julia home, grandmother went along as far as Harpursville. Father and Henry got in what hay was out. Pleasant.

30. Sunday. Went to Methodist meeting in New Ohio. After meeting went down to Mr. Wilcox's

31. Monday. Returned home. Father and Henry mowed some. Rainey.

1848. Bainbridge.
August.

1. Tuesday. Father and Henry mowed. I spread it out.

2. Wednesday. Drawed in four loads of hay. Father and Henry mowed some.

3. Thursday. Father and Henry Mowed some. Drawed in 9 loads. Had Mr. Hard set forward shoe on the colt.

4. Friday. Started for Butternutts with my grand parents. H. McDonald went up with me. Bought 1½ bushel of wheat from Uncle William Birdsall at 10 shillings.

5. Saturday. Went down to Otego. Had some green corn for the first time. Started for home at 2:30 p.m.

6. Sunday. Went to meeting and singing school at the Chapel. Parents went to South Bainbridge to meeting.

7. Monday, Went to mill. Bought three lights of glass. Father and Henry mowed all the P.M.

8. Tuesday. John Wilkinson came here to cut oats. Darwed in 5 loads of hay. Pleasant.

9. Wednesday. Father. Henry and John mowed down all the grass directly below the barn and I stirred it out. In the P.M. drawed in peas, and 3 loads of hay. Mr. Hard had horse and wagon to go to Coventry. John only worked for us a half a day. Good haying weather.

10. Thursday. Henry, John and Daniel Merritt mowed and I stirred. Father turned the swaths of oats . Drawed in One load of oats and two of hay.

1848
August. Bainbridge.

62 11. Friday. Henry, John and Samuel Darby mowed. Daniel Merritt cut oats and I and father spread hay. In the P.M. dr awed in 4 loads of hay and 4 loads of oats. Uncle William Shepherd and his wife, Aunt Tacy, Martin and Susan came here about 11;30. The potato tops are all dying. Hot.

12. Saturday. Drawed in 3 loads of hay and 3 loads of oats. John cradled the lower piece of oats. Uncle William Shepherd and family started home.

13. Sunday. Went to singing school at the chapel in the A,M, and in the P,M. at the wilkins School house. Hot and sultry.

14. Monday. Father, Henry and John mowed in the A,M. I stirred it out. In the P.M. drawed in a load of hay and two loads of oats. John reaped some lodged oats. Hot and dry.

15. Tuesday. Father, Henry and John mowed a piece of clover in the A.M. In the P,M, drawed in one load of hay and two loads of oats. John reaped some lodged oats. John raked and bound oats. He has finished working for us. ommenced pasturing a horse for Mr. Hard.

16. Wednesday. Drawed in one Load of hay and three large loads of oats, which finishes what we have cut. Ground has gotten very dry. Henry mowed some.

17. Thursday. Father and Henry Mowe d and I stirred in the A.M. In the P,M. we got in one load of hay and cocked some up when it began to rain.

18. Friday. It rained quite hard all day. I wrote a letter to Edward Crane of New York and went a blackberrying in the P.M. and got two quarts.

19. Saturday. Father and Henry finished mowing this forenoon. I spread it out. In the P.M. drawed in 2 loads.

20. Sunday. Went to singing school and meeting at the Chapel. Parents went up on the turnpike and to the Wilkins school house. Elder Hendricks and wife came here and staid all night. Clear and warm.

21. Monday. Father and I drawed in two loads of hay which finishes our haying for this year. Henry worked for Mr. Page.

22. Tuesday. Staid with John Wilkinson last night. Father has commenced dragging on the fallow. Henry is to work for Mr. Page.

23. Wednesday. Went blackberrying in the A.M. In the P.M. went to South Bainbridge with mother. Father dragged on the fallow.

15. Diary of William Oscar Bancroft.

1848 Bainbridge, N.Y.
September.

9. Saturday. Cut corn. In the P.M. went over to see the ball play. Father and Henry worked on the fallow.

10. Sunday. Went to singing school and and up to see John Wilkinson who is sick with a fever. Mother, Alvira and Uncle Henry and family went to South Bainbridge to meeting.

11. Monday. Cut corn. Fother and Henry made fence around the fallow.

12. Tuesday. Went up and staid with John Wilkinson all of the A.M. Father and Henry built fence. Cut corn. Rained hard last night.

13. Wednesday. Henry and I cradled the buckwheat. Father raked and bound. Frost last night. O.iver Badger and wife called here. Pleasant.

14. Thursday. Went up and staid with john wilkinson. Very rainy.

15. Friday. Sally (wife of Henry Birdsall) and her children went up to Otego with her brother JAMES WHO CAME DOWN after her. Father and Henry made a gate and finished fence aroubd the fallow. Cold and rainy.

16. Saturday. Father was sent for to go to Harpursville to see Mrs. Crawford who is very sick with a fever. He visited six different patients while he was there. Mother went down with him.

17. Sunday. Went to singing school and to meeting at the Chapel. Father and mother returned home.

18. Monday. Father went to Harpursville again in the P.M. In the A.M. father and Henry drawed slabs from Mr. Hydes mill. Rainy.

19. Tuesday. Went to Mr. Merrills to the wedding of his daughter Edae to Mr. John Simmons of Masonville. Engaged Mr. Hard's wagon to go to the ride. Mr. Seeley and lady came here on a visit. Pleasant.

20. Wednesday. Went over to Masonville to second day wedding. Returned home about ½ after eight in the evening. Rain.

21. Thursday. Father fixed fence. Henry worked fot Mr. Williamson. Picked up apples and sot up buckwheat.

22. Friday. Put up my things ready for school. Henry worked in cow shed. Rain.

23. Saturday. Father brought me up to Franklin. Got our supper and horses kept at Mr. Grant's temperance house. Bill $.50 Put up my bed and slept. Attended free soils lectures in the Chapel of the Academy.

1848 Bainbridge, N.Y.
September
25. Monday. Rained in the A.M. Father came down from Uncle Nathan's. Got a chair at Benjamin Shepherd's to use this term. Father came over to Franklin with me and then started for home. Got three screws from Mrs. Judd and fixed my table

26 Tuesday. Commenced boarding at Mr. Sullivan's at 9/ per week. Had a severe attack of hemorrhage from the nose lasted nearly 3 hours. Attended the lyceum in the chaple.

27. Wednesday. Commenced my recitations. Recited in Greek & Latin Grammer & in Virgil & Greek reader. Bought a tin cup for $.04. Attended singing school.

28. Thursday. Recited in Latin, Greek. Attended a meeting of the Waterburium Society of which I am now a member.

29. Friday. Recited in Latin and Greek. Attended the excersizes in the Chapel. Rain.

30. Saturday. Went over to Otego.

October 1848
1. Sunday. Returned back to Franklin. Borrowed the greek reader that Uncle Oscar left. Have lost five meals at my boarding place. Cloudy and damp.

2. Monday. Recited in Latin and Greek.

3. Tuesday. Ditto. Attended the debate at the Lyceum.

4. Wednesday. Recited in Latin and Greek

5. Thursday. Ditto. attended the Waterburian Soc.

6. Friday. Ditto. Attended the excersizes.

7. Saturday. Wrote a composition and went to training a little while in P.M. Yesterday was the first clear day we have had in a fort night. Pleasant.

8. Sunday. Rained last night. Attended meeting at the new Presbyterian church in the A.M. In the P.M. went to the old Presbyterian church. Heard Elder Robertson preach.

9. Monday. Recited in Latin and Greek.

10. Tuesday. Ditto. Drawed a library book.

11. Wednesday. Ditto. Froze ice last night. Pleasant days cold nights.

1848 Bainbridge.
October

12. Thursday. Recited in Latin and Greek. The Waterburian Soc . met in my room.

13. Friday. Ditto. Attended the excersizes. Read the Waterburian paper.

14. Saturday. Wrote a letter home. Attended a free soil meeting. Pleasant.

15. Sunday. Attended meeting at the new church in A.M. Prof. Kerr preached. In the P.M. went to the old church.

16. Monday. Recited. G. R. Smith told me that his father had purchased a farm about 25 miles from Washington containing 2200 Acres for $1100.00.

17. Tuesday. Recited. Attended lyceum.

18. Wednesday. Recited. Attended teachers meeting, interesting.

19. Thursday. Recited. Attended the Waterburian Society. Was appointed precident for the coming four weeks

20. Friday. Recited. Attended the excersizes in the evening.

21. Saturday. Rain. Smith got some wood.

22. Sunday. attended meeting in the methodist chapel in the A.M. In the P.M. attended Albert Hines funeral at the old church. Had some slight snow squalls.

23. Monday. Recited. Clear and pleasant.

24. Tuesday. Recited.

25. Wednesday. Recited. Attended the teachers meeting. Paid Mr. Smith $.75 for fixing my watch.

26. Thursday. Recited. Attended the Waterburian meeting

27. Friday. Recited. Mother, Henry and Almira came up here. Staid to the excersizes and staid all night at Mr. Sullvans

28. Saturday. Went over to Otego with mother. Bought a new cap at G. Coles. Bought new vest and pantallons at Hillikers.

29. Staid at Uncle william Birdsalls last night. Went to meeting at the Car School house.

30 and 31. recited

18. Diary of William Oscar Bancroft

66 1848 Bainbridge.
November.

1. Wednesday. Recited. Attended the meeting of the Adelphian Society. The address was delivered by Doc. sulliard.

2. Thursday. Recited. Attended the Waterburian meeting. had a very interesting one.

3. Friday. Recited. Attended the excersizes.

4. Saturday. Cold stormy. Bought of Smith Drake a looking glass, Picture of the presidents, 2 iron staples, one blank book and twelve visiting cards.

5. Sunday. rained in the morning then turned to snow the rest of the day.

6. Monday. Recited. Andrew H. Brown commenced lodging with me at $10.00 a week

7. Recited. Election day. Van Buren recieved 324 votes, Taylor 81, Cass 16, G. Smith 9. Dix recieved 332, Fish 76, Walworth 16, Edgerton for congress 346 Gould 60 Fitch 10

8. Wednesday. Recited.

9. Thursday. Recited. Attended the Waterburian meeting.

10. Friday. Recited. Attended Excersizes.

11. Saturday. W ent over to Otego with Frank Edgerton, staid over night at Uncle Nathan's.

12. Sunday. Returned. Went to meeting at the new church. Snowed.

13. Monday. Recited. Attended physiology lecture.

14. Tuesday. Recited. Attended lecture

15. Wednesday. Recited.

16. Thursday. Recited.

17. Friday. Recited. The snow goes off rapidly.

18. Saturday. Moved into the north east corner room on the third story. Bought a wheel barrow load of three foot wood at Mr. Nobles. Mr. Brown paid #30.00 for lodging.

1848 Bainbridge.
November.

19. Sunday. Went to meeting at the Baptist meeting house in the forenoon and in the P.M. the Congregational house.

20. Monday. Recited.

21. Tuesday. Recited. Father came about supper time. Attended excersizes. I spoke for the first time this term. My expense for board, tuition, room rent, fire wood and so forth was $12.90

22. Wednesday. Bought a new geometry for $1.00. Came as far as Uncle Williams.Birdsalls. Staid all night.

23. Thursday. Bought a three bladed knife for 3/ Came home through Gilbertsville. Got home about a hlf after 8 oclock.

24. Friday. Went to Harpursville with mother. Staid all night at Cases.

25. Saturday. Went up to New Ohio and then back to Harpursville and staid all night at Squire Wilcox's. Mother traded at Ollendorfs store. Rain.

26. Sunday. Went to meeting at the church in the A.M. and at the Baptist in the P.M. After meeting came home. Found John A.G.Birdsall here. Snowed.

27. Monday. Mr. Darby and Ed Willett came here with machine to thrash oats. Had Mr. Wilkinson and one of his boys to help. Father went to North Bainbridge to carry John.

28. Tuesday. Threshed and in the evening went to singing school

30. Cleaned up. Found they had threshed about 130 bu. Killed a fat sheep, sold 3/4 of it. Had 17½ lbs. of tallow. Father went to Otego.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Student in Franklin (18yrs)
1848
December. 1
Fri. Visited Rantson McDonald's School

2. Sat. Attended Methodist Quarterly meeting at the Chapel

3. Sun. Attended meeting at the Chapel. Staid over night at Mr. Hydes.

4. Mon. Finnished threshing.

5. Tue. Uncle Henty came up to Franklin with me. Rain.

6 Wed. Commenced boarding at Mr. Sulliard's again. Classes arranged today.

7 Thur. Recited in Latin Greek and Geometry., Rain.

8. Fri. Attended meeting of the Waterburian Society. Rain.

9. Sat. Studied. Had a game of ball, warm.

10. Sun. Attended meeting at the house of Dominic White in the am. and a funeral at the Baptist House in the pm.

11. Mon. Commenced burning my candles this morning. Have 15 in number. Recited.

14. Thur. Recited. Attended Waterburian meeting in eve.

15. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes.

16. Sat. Bought a couple of yards of calico for 10 cents. Wrote a letter. Pleasant.

17. Sun. Attended meeting at the Old Church in the am. At the new church o n the pm.

19. Mon. Recited. Pleasant.

20. Wed, Recited.. Pleasant.

21. Thur. Recited. Commenced snowing.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1848
December.
22. Recited. Snow is quite deep. Blustr-ring.
No excersaizes this eve.

23. Sat. Bought an Almanack.

24. Sun. Attended Methodist meeting in forenoon and
the Presbyterian in the pm.

25. Mon. Recited, It has thawed some to spoil slighing.

26. Tue. Bought a pair of India rubbers for 5/ The
18 of Dec, paid J.R.Smith 1/ for wood. Sold
F. Edgerton a pair of calf skin shoes for 6/

27. Wed. Recited. Good sleighing. Snow.

28. Thur. Recited. Paif F. Edgerton 25 cents for wood.
Price of wood 12/

29. Fri. Went over to Uncle N.(?) Birdsall's with father.
Mr. Smith agreed to board me for $1.00 a week.

30. Sat. Went over to Otego. Had a coat and cloak cut
at Mr, H. Heliker's. Went up to Uncle Nathan Smith's

31. Sun. Went to meeting at the Carr sxhool house.
Went up to Uncle N. Pierce's

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Student in Franklin Academy,
1849 (18yrs).
January.

1. Mon. Had a family gathering at Nathan Pierces. Came down to Uncle William Shepherd's.
2. Tue. Came over to the Academy. Recited. Alda Pierce went home with my family. Good Sleighing.

3. Wed. Recited. Paid 1/ toward Waterburian Library.

4. Thur. Attended Wareburian meeting

5. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes

6. Sat. Cleaned out my room and sawed wood.

7. Sun. Attended meeting at the Baptists house.

8 & 9 recited.

10 Wed. Recited. Father came here and left me a new Cloak. Attended a donation party at Rev. and Mrs. Infersoll's, 25 cents.

11. Thur. Recited. Extremely cold weather for a few days.

12. Fri. Attended excersizes. A very good one.

13. Sat. Sawed wood. I owe F.Edgerton $4.00 for candles Three persons died within a short distance from here between sunddown on last Thur. night and yesterday morning. They are all to be buried here tomorrow. Bought a lather brush. 20 cents.

14. Christ's day. Attended the funeral of a child three years old at the old church. In the pm at the new church that of a young lady, 17 yrs old, a former student. Thaws fast.

15. Mon. Recited. The sleighing poor.

16. Tue. Recited. Very cold.

17. Wed. Recited only in Geometry. Mr. Kerr did not get back in season. He went to Delhi to deliver an address to the Country Temperance Society.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, student at Franklin Academy.
1849. January.

18. Thur. Recited. Only in Greek and Geometry. Mr. Kerr did not get back in season to hear the Latin. Cost of getting my coat made at Mr. Fitch's was 14/ Paid $1.00 and am to pay the rest next week. Very cold.

19. Fri. Recited. Had a pain in my breast.

20. Sat. Bought a shaving cup for 9 cents. Father came here on his way to Otego after a load of plank and staid all night. Wrote composition.

21. Lord's day. Did not feel well and did not attend meeting in am. Attended Baptist meeting in pm.

22. Mon. recited. Have concluded to discontue the dtudy of Geometry. For the remainder of the term on account of poor health. Attended in the astrobomy class in the place of geometry.

23. Tue. Recited. 24. Wed. Recited. Thaws.

25 Thur. Recited. Bought a box of Anguintum(probably a powder of one of a group of plants with angular leaves, probably considered a medicinial herb.P.M.B) Attended Waterburian meeting.

26. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes.

27. Sat. Bought a paper of tacks and two yards of green tape and fixed a covering of green baige for my table.

28. L. Attended meeting at the Methodist house in the am and in the old church in the pm. Heard the Rev. Mr. Fish of Sidney.

29. Mon. Recited. Rained hard. The snow is gone.

30. Fri. Recited.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Student in Franklin Academy
1849 (18 yrs.)
February 1.
1. Thur. Recited. Warm again.

2. Fri. Recited. Paid Mrs. Fitch the other six shillings for making coat. Attended excer izes. very interesting. We have had very strange weather for the week past, one day warm and the next cold. I have succeeded in catching a very bad cough. Took a ride as far as the mill. Snowed a little attended a debating school after excersizes. Question; Whether or not capital punishment should be tolerated.

3. Sat. Bought a ½ cord of wood at Mr. Water's store and had Robert Kerr's horse to draw it over. Had to pay 6/ for ½ cord of 4 foot would. Bought a fine comb for ten cents. Wrote a composition and in the evening attended bible class at Mr. Kerr's house.

4. Lord's day. Went to meeting at the new church all day. Wrote a letter home and went to singing school. Had a chance of seeing the planet Mercury for a few minutes.

5. Mon. Recited. Commenced burning my candles, again last Sat. Have 15 molded and dipped candles,

6. Tue. Recited. Received a letter from E. Holmes. Attended meeting of the Adelphian Society, the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Pattengil of Walton. The subject was the decline and fall of the cities and nations. Very interesting.

7. Wed. Recited. Commenced reading the Fables in Greek.

8. Thur. Recited. Wrote a letter to Mr. E. Holmes.

9 Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes. Very good.

10. Sat. Sawed wood. Bought a tin pail for 2/9 Parents came. Am editor for the Waterburian for a week.
11. L. Attended meeting at the Methodist house. In the PM at the Baptist House.

12. Mon. Recited in all but Greek. Had a severe head ache. Excellent sleighing again.

13. Tue. and 14. recited. Very cold.

15. Thur. Concluded not to recite any more in Greek this term.

16. Fri. Recited. Read the Waterburian paper. Excersizes very interesting. The nights very cold.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Student at Franklin Academy.
1849
February
17. Sat. Sawed wood. In the pm. went over to Otego. Had my foot measured at Mr. Clyde's for a pair of shoes. Attended Singing school.

18. L. Learned to play two tunes on the melodian. Came home in the pm. There were two funerals at the Baptist house today. One was a woman who at 9 oclock was knitting and before 12 was a corpse. Cause was bleeding at the lungs.

19. Mon. Recited. Dr. Mather arrived last Saturday, He is to give a free lecture this evening.

20. Tue. Recited. Paid 50 cents for a ticket to admit me to the lecture, they are very interesting so far.

21. Wed. Recited. F. Edgerton credit by 12 visiting cards at 10 cents.

22. Thur. Mr. Kerr's child is very sick. So much so that he has not heard any of his classes today. Attended a lecture. Had some very interesting experiments in electricity. Went over to Mr. Parson's with J.K. Smith for supper.

23. Fri. Mr. Kerr's child still very sick. Heard no recitations,

24. Sat. Sawed wood. There has been two funerals in the place this past week. Wrote a composition.

25. L. Attended Methodist meeting in the am. In the pm attended the funeral of old Mr, Betts. Robert Kerr preached,

26. Mon. Recited. Attended lecture.

27. Tue. Recited. Attend ed lecture. Commenced reciting with the class in chemistry yesterday.

28. Wed. Recited.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft
Student in Franklin Academy
1849 18yrs.
March.
1. Thur. Recited. Attended lecture.

2. Fri. Recited. Attended lecture. He experimented with megnetic telegraph, air pumps, etc.

3. Sat. Wtote a letter home. Purchased 8 envelopes from Edgetton for 4 cents.

4. L Attended meeting at the Baptist house in am. The New Church in the pm. Good cermons. Mr. White preached without any notes today. Exodus 32; 26th.

5. Mon. Recited and attended lecture. He treated ob the subject of gasses. Principally oxygen and chlorine.

6 Tue. Recited and attended lecture. Experiments in Hydrogen. Very interesting experiment with the sounding tubes of glass held over a flame of hydrogen.

7 Wed. /Recited. Finished the sixth book of Virgil. One of the student has had a warrant served on him for theft and has run away. Saw their new fire engine in operation,

8 Thur. Recited and attended the lecture. Received a letter from George R. and also Arthur Vosburg

9 Fri. Recited. Attended lecture. Discussed the properties of carbon.

10 Sat. Bought three new catalpgues of this institution for 1/

11 Lords day. Went to meeting in the am at the Methodist church. In the pm at the Baptist.

12. Mon. Recited. Father and Albert Hyde came here. Attended the closing lecture by Dr. Mather. Very interesting. Gave a description of the geological stratification in the State of N.Y. and the application of Chemistry to agriculture.

13. Tue. Recited kn Virgil. Father and Albert Hyde went over to Otego.tc attended the closing excersizes. Spoke one single piece, participated in one dialogue composed by J.B. Smitty. Our excersizes were very interesting.

March 1849

1. Thurdasay. Recited. Lecture. Pleasant.

2. Friday. Recited. Lecture. Experimented with the magnetic telegrph, air pump etc. Snowed.

3. Satruday. Wrote a letter home. Purchased 8 envelopes of Edgerton for four cents. Pleasant.

4. Sunday. Attended meeting at the Captist in the morning and the new church in the afternoon. Good sermons. Mr. White preached without any notes today. Best I ever heard him.

5. Monday. Recited. Lecture. The subject of gases, principally Oxygen and chlorine. Very good

6. Tuesday. Recited and lecture. Very good. Experiment of hydrogen principally. Very interesting experiment with the sounding tubes of glass, -Held over a flame of hydrogen

7. Wednesday. Recited. Finnished the sixth book of Virgil. One of the students has had a warrant served on him and has run away. Rain. Saw there new fire engine in operation.

8. Thursday. Recited. Lecture. Recieved a letter from george R and one from Arhtur Vossburg.

Diary of William Oscar Bancroft.
Franklin. in school.

1849
March.

9. Friday. Recited. Lecture. Properties of carbon. Clear and pleasant.

10. Saturday. Bought 3 new catalogues of this institution for one schilling.

11. Sunday. Went to meeting in the morning at the Methodist house and in the afternoon the Baptist.

12. Monday. Recited. Father and Albebert Hyde. came here this afternoon attended the closing lecture on Chemistry. By dr. Mather. Very interesting. Gave a description fo the geological strata in the state of N.Y. And the application of chemistry to agriculture.

13. Tuesday. Recited in Virgil. Father went over to Otego. Attended the closing excersizes. Spoke one single piece and to took part in a dialogue, compaosed by J. B. Smith. Our excersized were very interesting.

14. Wednesday. Paid $14.50 for board. 6.50 for schooling and room rent. Returned home. Father brought F. Edgerton as far as south Bainbridge.

15. Thursday. Went up into the sap bush. Where Mr Jones was sugaring off, to eat warm sugar. SAwed wood.

16. Friday. Sawed wood. Berthier and Myself went up to Mr. Wilkinson's.

17. Saturdau. Sawed wood and ground axes.
18. Sunday Singing school and meeting at the chapel
19. Modday. Father, Berthier and self went on to the hill in Mr. Hoveys wood land to get some poles for a rack. Berthier took the white mare to go to Bennettsville

20, Tuesday. A man came here this morning from Mt. Upton for the purpose of taking our farm. Father and I fixed the rack in the cow shed. Went up to Mr. Wilkinson's to eat warm sugar. Staid all night. Rained.

21. Wednesday. Went down to the village. Bought a pair of snu snuffers for 2/(I devise for cropping and holding the snuff of the candle) Recieved a letter from Leonard. Stating he could not come to work the place. Father made a trought to feed shee sheep in. Hard storm, wind, hail and rain.

22. Thursday. Went to Mr. Lader's sugar house. Sawed wood.
23. Friday. Helped father saw chestnut for making rails. John Wilkinson stayed with me over night. Ransom mcDonald made me a preent of Latin work called. Anthon Saullist. Loaned him my Coopers Virgil.

4. Saturday. Helped saw rail across the creek. Visited Chauncey sap Bush. William H. McDonald stayed over night with me.

Diary of William Oscar Bancroft.

1849
March.
25. Sunday. Stormy day. Rain. South widd. Wrote off some verses.
26. Monday. Went up to Mr. Wilkinsons to eat warm sugar. sawed wood.

27. Tuesday. Had my likeness taken by Mr. McDoDnoalds 12/ Came up to Frnaklin. Albert Hyde and John Lyon rode up with us Am to have board at Mr. Lullard. for 8/6 a week. Father staid over night with me.

28. Wednesday. Father went over to Otego. Classes formed today comcluded to study Horace. Greek reader and Geometry. Rain. I have furnished 3 pounds of candles,

29. Thursday. Recited. Bought a classical dictionary for 4.50 And a Horace for 13/ Rain. We have 8 boarders at Mr. Suller's

30 Friday. Recited. Attended Waterburinan meeting. Appointed librarian.

31. Saturday. Cleaned out my room. Wrtoe a letter to my parents.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, student in Franklin Academy
1849 18 yrs.
March

14. Wed. Paid $14.50 for board and $6.50 for schooling and room rent. Returned home. Father brought F. Edgerton as far as far as So. Bainbridge.

15. Thur. Went into the sap bush where Mr. Jones was sugaring off to eat warm sugar. Sawed wood.

16. Fri. Sawed wood. Berthier Bancroft and myself went up to Mr. Wilkeson's.

17 Sat. Ground axes and sawed wood.

18. L. Attended simging school and meeting at the Chapel.

19. Mon. Father, Berthier and self went up to the hill in Mr. Hovey's woods to get some poles, for a rack. Berthier took the white mare to go to Bennettsville.

20. Tue. A man came here this morning from Mt. Upton for the purpose of taking our farm. Father and I fixed the rack in the cow shed. Went up to Mr. Wilkinson's to eat warm sugar. Staid all night.

21 Wed. Went down to the village and bought a pair of snuffers for 2/ Received a letter from Leonard stating that he could not come to work the place. Father made a trough to feed sheep in. Hard storm, wind. hail and rain.

22. Thur. Went to Mr/ Sander's sugar house. Sawed wood.

23. Fri. Helped father to saw chestnut for making rails. John Wilkinson staid with me over night. Ransom McDonald made me a present of Latin work called Anthony Sallust. Loaned him my Hooper's Virgil.

24 Sat, Helped saw rail cuts across the creek. Visited Chauncey Hydes Sap Bush. William H. McDonald staid over night with me.

25. L. Very stormy day. South wind. Wrote verses.

26. Mon. Went up to Mr. Wilkinson's to eat warm sugar.

27. Tue. Had my likness taken by Mr. Maxson at Mr. MacDonalds. 12/ Came up to Franklin. Albert Hyde and John Lyon rode up with us. I am to have board at Mr. Sullard's for 8/6 a week. Father staid over night with me. To study Horace, Greek reader, and Geometry.

30 Fri. Attended Waterburian, was appointed librarian.

31. Cleaned up my room. Wrote my parents.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Student at Franklin Academy
1849 18yrs.
April.

1. God's day. Attended meeting at the New Church in the AM. in the PM at the Baptist.

2. Mon. Recital. Warm pleasant. The grass begins to be a little green.

3. Tue. Recited. Have very hard work keeping up with my classes

4. Wed. Recited.

5. Thur. Bought ¼ of a cord of fire wood.

6. Fri. Recited.

7. Sat. Wrote a letter to G. R. Vosbury. (?) Went over to Otego with John Lyon. Aunt Harriet and Catharine Shepherd are sick.

8. God's Day. Came over to Uncle Nathan;s found that G.A.J. Birdsall had got back to Otego. Came over to Franklin.

9. Mon. Recited. Also Tuesday.

11. Wed, Recited. Commenced at the 22nd proposition in book I in Geometry.

12. Thur. Recited. Pleasant last 3 days.

13. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes and spoke.

14. Sat. Cold, blustering and some snow. Wrote a comp= osition. F. Edgerton credit by some fire wood, 10 cents. I/ in a box of blacking.

15. G. Attended meetings at the Methodist and Baptist houses. Very cold and blustering, ground white with snow. Drifting and blowing.

16. Mon. Recited. F. Edgerton credit by 9 cents. Paid 18 cents toward buying Lamartin's History of the Girondist for the Waterburian library.

17. Tue. Recited. Pleasant.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, student.
1849. April
18 Wed. Cold. snowed a little. Recited.

19. Thur. Snowed enough to make the ground white.

20. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes, after that a meeting of the Society, Address by Mr. S. Camp one of the founders and now a member of the Hamilton College.

21. Sat. Pleasant.

22. G. Went to the Methodist in the am and the old church in the pm.

24. Tue. Recited yesterday and today. In the evening attended the Lyceum for the purpose of hearing the debate on the question of "Whether the land lord who knowing sells rum to the habitual drunkard is a murderer".

25. Wed. Had a free day f r the purpose of getting some trees set out in front of the Institute. Went up about a mile and a half above the village before breakfast and got a tree to set out before the house of Mr. Kerr.

27. Frid. Recited yesterday and today. Did not have excersizes. Attended Waterburian meeting.

28. Sat. Put in one light of glass. F. Edgerton credit by $0.06. Purchased a safety cord for $0.18 Loaned to Mr. Willis 76 the night of the Lyceum,

29. G. Attended Methodist in am and Baptist in pm. Elder Robertson a good sermon, First Corinthians 15th. 33 v.

30. Mon. Recited.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Student at Franklin Academy.
1849. (18yrs)
May.

1. Recited. Left my watch at Tinker Smith's to be fixed.
2. Wed. Recited. Had a severe head ache. Went without my supper tp cure it, but did not succeed.

3. Thur. Have had the head ache for the most part of today. Planted some potatoes for Mr. Sullard and cured it. My Hyde and wife came up so see Albert and brought along a trunk of things for me.

4. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes. Waterburian in eve.

5.Sat. Rainyday.

6. G. Attended meeting. Rain.

7. Mon. Recited. Bought a Greek lexicon. Also a Xenophon.

8. Tue. Recited. Had a very severe head ache. Upon first getting up and it has stuck with me all day. But I have made out to get through all my recitations after a fashion but if it keeps up like this I shall have to give up I fear. Received a letter from E.P.Crane., New York City

9. Wed. Did not go down to school.

11. Fri. Took an emetic, had a very hard time with it.

13. G. Mr. Lyon went down a ter my parents with Mr. Barne's horse and wagon. Parent's arrived here just before dark. Was some better befOre they came.

14. Mon. Went over to Otego with my parents very tired. Did not feel able to return home next day.

15. Tue. Father went up the creek with grandmother snd Aunt Tacy to the funeral of old Mrs. Freeman(?)

16. Wed. Went home and very glad I was to get home. ,Found that Mr. Nevel had commenced planting corn.

21. Mon. Our folks finnished planting corn. Very dry.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, student.
1849 (18yrs)
~~June~~. May

24. Thur. Went to Norwich via Oxford. ¼urchased myself a new hat, silk. (17/) Father purchased carriage trimmings for his new carriage, wire for fences, barrel of flour , etc.

26. Sat. Went to ball play. Good one. Albert Hyde came from Franklin by stage.

27. G. Finished a letter to E.P.Crane.

28. Mon. Went down to the village with father. Purchased myself a new Lap Leghorn hat 16/ Mr. Charles Fowler came here to stay all night. Hehad a bullet hole through his hand which he wanted father to doctor. Learned to play a tune on a $30.00 accordion he had.

29. Tue. Started for Otego with mother and Mr. Hyde. Martin Shepherd came over to Franklin with us.

30. Wed. Recited in Latin and Greek.

31. Thur. Recited. F. Edgerton purchased 3 lbs of candles.

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Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Student at Franklin Academy.
1849 (18yrs)
June

1. Fri. Recited Latin. Attended a lecture on elocution in the chapel deliver3 d by Prof. Sweet, author of S Sweet's Elocution.

2. Sat. Attended a free lecture this am. The price of admittance last evening was 1/ Paid Dr. Sullard $1.00 for medical attendance. Paid Mrs. Barnes $2.00 for horse and wagon to Bainbridge after my my parents when sick.

3. G. Attended new church and heard a minister by the name of Van Dike from Gilboa(?). Heard Elder Robertson preach his farewell sermon.

4. Mon. Recited.

5. Tue. Recited. Received a letter from E.Holmes,Albany.

6. Wd. Recited. F. Edgerton credit by pne dollar, still mowesm $1.32. Paid Mr. G. W. Reynolds 7/ for Holden's $1.00 magazine. Paid 1/ for shows.

7. Thur, Recited.

8. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes, very interesting.

9, Sat. Wrote a letter home. Bought a bottle of molasses for /6 Wrote on my exhibition pieces

11. Mon. Recited.

13. Wed. Recited. Attended the closing excersizes, of Prof. Sweet's c;ass of Elocution. Letter from home.

14. Thur. Recited. Had a ripe strawberry for the first time. There is quite an excitement among the students as to whether they should have the exhibition in the church or in the open air. Some rrather excited feelings on the occasion. Have bad cold.

15. Fri. Recited. Have finished the Odes and Epochs of Horace. Have taken considerable satisfaction in reading them although I have had to work very hard and have not been able always to get my lessons as well as I could wish. Have taken of my wrappper for the first time. It has been such chilly westher it has not been uncomfortable as yet. Warm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. Student.
1849, June

16. Sat. Wrote on my piece in the am. In the pm went over to Otego. Found my cousin Martin rather unwell, but a good deal better than he had been.

17. G. Staid over night at Uncle Nathan's. Cousin John has gone to Cooperstown to work in a prining office. (printing)
visite-d with A. & L. Gilbert over to Uncle Nathan's

18. Mon. Recited in am. No school in pm on account of Temperance lecture delivered by J.B.Gough He was entirely the best speaker I ever heard.

19. Tue. Recited. Attended another lecture by Mr. Gpugh. Bought his Autobiography for 3/

20. Wed. No school on account of an expedition by the teachers and students of the Institute to visit a celebrated place called The Bly? about 8 miles above here towards Oneonta for the purpose of botanizing. Wrote some of my exhibition piece.

22. Fri. Recited in Latin only. Very warm. 90° in shade.

23. Sat. Finished my exhibitiob piece. Shant write anpther till next time. Mopped out my room. Received $1.32 from F. Edgerton which makes us square. Paid tinker smith for fixing my watch.

24. G. Attended meeting at the New Church in the am. Heard the Rev, C. Waterbury. In pm went to the old church.

25. Mon. Recited in Latin. 26 the same.

27. Wed. recited in Latin and Greek.

29. Recited. Bought a pack of visiting cards of G.W. Reynolds. 0.75

30. Sat. Helped about building a booth in front of the Baptist churxh in which to hold the exhibition.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Student at theFranklin Academy.
1849 (18)
July.

1. Heard Eld. Robertson preach in the am. (Luke 18; 26, 29 & 30 verses.

2. Mon. Went on the hill back of the village for the purpose of cutting brush to cover the booth, paid 2/ towards the schemes which are got up for the coming Exhibition. Went over to Mr. Parson's and took supper with J.B.Smith.

3. Tue. Attended examination. Was examined in Horace and Xenophon. The Chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers.

4. Wed. Father and William Henry came over from Otego. Father paid Mr. Chamberlain $5.39 for tuition which is more than he ought to have paid as I had 3 weeks (vacation) (lost due to illness) instead of the usual 2 weeks vacation. Paid $13.00 for board. He paid Mr. Kerr $1.00 for a geometry which had previously been paid for but did not pay for one of the large dictionaries. Attended exhibition which was a very good one. After its close father, Mr. Hyde and son and self went home where we arrived safely about 12 oclock

5. Thur. Plowed out potatoes . Crops look finely

6. Fri. Father dragged the buckwheat.

7. Sat. Went up to William Bateman to hoing be to hoe his corn as he is sick.

8. G. Went to meeting and singing school at the Chapel. Mr. Wells preached his farewell sermon.

11. Wed. Finished hoeing our corn. Father went to work for Mr. Nevel. I went to Nineveh with Albert Hyde, had a pleasant visit.

12. Thur. Went to Vallona Springs. Weather very hot.

13. Fri. Finished hoeing Mr. Nebells corn. Ground new scythe.

14. Sat. Hoed in the garden. Father worked in fallow and went to a raising.

15. G. Eat a good sound apple which was raised on this place last year.

16. Mon. Father went over to North Bainbridge after Berthier to help in haying. Mr. Nevell and Uncle Henry began mowing

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
At home in Harpursville,N.Y.
1849 (18yrs)
July.
17. Tue. Berthier Bancroft commenced work.

21. Sat. Commenced cutting the rye. John Wilkinson helped for ½ day. Mr. Putnam all day.

22. S (Sabbath) Attended quarterly meeting. Great collection of people.

23. Mon. Finished cutting rye Mr. McDonald and Uncle Henry helped. Mr. Hyde and son helped a little while. Caught a hare in the rye field.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft of (Harpursville. Now at South Bainbridge.
1849 (18yrs)
August.
1. Pleasant weather.

3. Fri. Went over to Oxford with Eli Chase. Attended meet- at the Presbyterian house as it was a fast day appointed by the President of the United States on account of the prevalence of the Asiatic Cholera.

6. Mon. Drawed in 7 loads of rye.

7. Tue Had some of our grass mowed down in the night by the Bohogs (?). Everything is suffering on account of the drought. Very dry. Hot.

8. Wed. Came up to Franklin with Eli Chase got back to his house about 2 oclock in the night.

12. G. Took a ride with William H. McDonald. Went to meeting and singing school at the Red School House. Some rain has come during the last week which has done much good.

13. Mon. Went up to Sarles Hill with Eli Chase, to try to engage a school, Uncle Nathan Birdsall and Aunt S Susan came to our house.

14. Tue. Came up to school with A. Hyde, and J. C. Wilkinson. Father brought us up. Rain. Am to board with Mr. Sullard's at 8/6 a week.

15. Wed. The students were divided into classes. Purchased at Mattison's Illustrated Astronomy from Mr. Kerr. (3/6)

16. Thur. Recited Brown's Grammer, Milton, Geometry, Algebra and Geometry.

17. Fri. same. I weigh 139 lbs.

18. Sat. Went over to Otego, staid all night at Uncle William Shepherd's. Uncle Henry came there from Bainbridge about 9 oclock so I had the privilege of hearinf grom home. Mother sent a dozen candles. Mr. Holmes has a dozen and a half.

19. G. Came over to Uncle Nathan's. along towaeds night came over here.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,
1849
August

20. Mon. Recited. Have taken this term, Lst. Parsing in Milton, 2nd. Brown's gtammmer, 3rd. Geometry, 4th. First Algebra, 5th. surveying,6th. Astronomy.

21. Tue. Recited.

22. Wed. Rain.

23. Thur. Recited. Mr. Holmes commenced lodging with me at 1/ a week

24. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes.

25. Sat. Wrote a composition

26. Sun. In the am meeting in the Baptist house. In the pm heard the Rev. White D.D. from New York City preach. 29th Chap. Prov. first verse.

27. Mon. Recited. Mr. Holmes commenced sleeping with me tonight. (1/ per week) Mrs. George Dewey was buried last Friday. F. Edgerton was sent for to come on account the death of his brother abd the sickness of his sister.

28. Tue. Recited. Attended meeting of the lyceum.

29. Wed. Recited. Purchased an Algebra from my room mate for 3/6

30. Thur, Recited. Attended Waterburian meeting.

31, Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes. My cousin Mary Shepherd was married to Mr. Thadeus Birdsall (Thaddeus) of Otego, yesterday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft of South Bainbridge. Student at Franklin Academy for second term.
1849 19 yrs
September.
1. Pleasant.

2. Sun. I am this day 19 yrs old and yet I do not know how to appear as well as some of only 15. Attended Methodist meeting in the am and in the Congregational house in the pm. This sermon was addressed to the young.

3. Mon. Pleasant.

4. Tue, Recited. Attended the meeting of the Institute Lyceum. The question debated was concerning the propriety of the new free school system about to be presented to the consideration of the inhabitants of this state.

6. Thur. Recited. Attended the meeting of the Waterburian Society. I solicited for a withdrawal from the Society.

7. Fri. Recited. Attended excersozes. Was quite unwell with the summer complaint.

8. Sat. Rode over to Otego with Mr. Brown. Got some medicine of Dr. Saunders and then and then went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's.

13. Thur. Have been sick at my uncles for the week but am a little better now. Father came last night after I went to bed and he concluded that it is best for me to go home and stay a while.

15. Sat. Went to a ball play on the green in front of the meeting house.

16. God's day. Went over to North Bainbridge with Mr. William McDonald. And to meeting at the Red School house.

17. Mon. Pleasant.

26. Wed. My eyes have been sore since a week ago last Monday. Have had the inflammation but they are better now. Had a sister born/

28. Fri. Went to New Ohio after a girl

29. Sat. Returned home. Obtained the daughter of Col. Cowdery to work for us a while. Found Uncle Will--Shepherd and Aunt Tacy at our house

30. G. Uncle William Shepherd returned home.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft of Bainbridge
Student in Franklin Institute.
1849 19yrs.
October.
1. Rained hard most of day.

2. Tue. Came over to North Bainbridge with Uncle Henry then took the stage to Franklin where I arrived at ½ past four.

3. Wed. Recited and went yesterday and today to the meeting of the teachers Institute. Debate in the Institute Lyceum, question,"That he who knowing sells liquor to a habitutal drunkard virtually commits murder." Enrolled as a member of the Teacher's Institute. My eyes are quite week.

4. Thur. Recited. Attended Teacher's Institute. Stage fare from North Bainbridge to Franklin was $1.00 or $0.05 per mile.

5 Fri. Recited. Attended usual excersizes. Institute.

6. Sat. Attended Teacher's Institute this am. Mr. Kerr and Mr. Converse disagreed in the concerning the infinitive mood.

7. Sun. Did not attend services. Rain, roads muddy and creeks high.

8. Mon. Recited. Purchased a Wright's Orthography at G. Reynolds for 1/2. Attended Institute.

9. Tue. Recited. Clear and pleasant. Attended meeting of the Lyceum; question, Resolved that the Roman Catholic Religion is More Deleterious to the Human Races than the Doctine of Universal Salvation. Decided in the affirmative . The Rev. Mr. Ingersol took part in the discussion. He took the negative.

10. Wed. Recited. Mr. Kerr explained the Astronomy lectures, the manner of finding out the relative density of the earth and sun. Teachers Institute, Excersizes past off well. Prof. Kerr delivered a lecture on Sacred History. Mr. Palmer concerning the manner of opening a school on the 1st day. Mr. Palmer a few remarks on Etiquette.

11/ Thur, Snowed, The hill in front of the Academy is quite white. Institute meeting. Recieved from E.L. Holmes 1/ to be turned toward lodging. (He is rooming with Oscar) Paid /6 for admission to experiments in Electricity and Magnetism.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, student.
1849 (19yrs)
October.

12. Fri. Recited. Attended the usual excersizes. My cousin Ruth a. Birdsallwas at the excersizes.

13. Sat. Attended the Teachers Institute in am. Wrote a letter for Mr. Converse to Criticize. Drew a map of the "Old Empire State". Wrote home. Attended Institute in evening.

14. G. Attended meeting at the New Church in the am. and communioon in the pm. Mr. Hawes of Unadilla preached.

15. Mon. Recited. Attended Institute. Learned a method of proving addition by casting out the Nines Also the reasons for using the signs ÷ , + ,- ,x , = and the figures for greater or lesser than.

17. Wed, Attended Institute. Recited last two days.

18. Thur. Recited. Letter from home stating that I was expected to teach the school at Sarl's Hill for 3 months. Attended Institute. Bought a Brown's Grammer of Mr. Holmes at 3/

19. Fri. Recited. Attended excersizes and spoke

20. Sat. Institute in the am. Letter to F. Edgerton. Attended excersizes in the eve.

21. G. Attended meeting at the Baptist House. Wrote home.

22. Mon. Recited. Attended a lecture on Temperance by by Gen Riley at the Baptist House. He talked very plain about those landlords and politicians that are elected by rum influence for the promotion of rum interests.

23. Tue. Recited in Milton and then went over to Otego. with Mr. Nowles, had Nr. Kerr's hors and Dr. Sullards wagon, returned in season for Astronomy. Was appointed committee man for drawing up resolutions for the Teachers Institute.

24. Wed. Recited. Attended Institute. Committee report. Presented a copy of the resolutions, appointed a select committee composed of two ladies and one gentleman to consult with the chairman and Mr. Palmer and to select from those copies handed in such as they deem best. Attended Institute in eve. I was called upon to excersize the experimental class.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft. student
1849
October.
25. Thur. Recited. Attended meeting of committee .

26. Fri. Recited. Attended Excersizes.

27. Sat. Institute in am. Letter from F. Edgerton. Bought of E.L.Holmes a book on Pgysiology, per 7/ a Brown's Grammer for 3/6 and a Thompson's Algebra for 3/6. He owed me 10/ for board. I paid him 1/ for wood which I borrowed and 4/ towards the books, making 6/ that I have paid him. Attended the closing excersizes of the Institute at the Congregational Church. The Valedictory and the poem were better than I expected. The choir sang beautifully.

28. G. Heard the Rev, Mr. French missionary to India speak at the old Church, " We are the Light of the Earth".

29. Mon. Recited. E.L.Holmes has left the school today, He left me 7 candles for which I am to pay F. Edgerton. Sold six of the candles at a profit.

30. Tue. Purchased a pair of india Rubber overshoes.

31. Wed. Recited. Rain.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft of Bainbridge. Student in Franklin Institute.
1849 (19yrs)
November.
1. Recited.

2. Fri. Recited. Father came about supper time. We attended evening excersizes. Prof. Kerr discovered a couple of students by the name of Jackson in a state of intoxication Thursday evening. And one student by the name of Babcock was tried before a jury for poisoning dogs, was fined $5.00

3. Sat. Packed up my things for returning home. My expense at the Academy for the full term of 1849 amounted to $2.71 were cancelled by the request of Mr. Kerr on account of its being a rather broken term to me because I had been a member of the school for some time. My board bill amounted to 8.50 which I am to pay next spring. I owe Prof. Kerr $4.25 for a Greek Dictionary. I left my bedstead at the academy and my table and chair at Mr. Sullard's. I sold F.Edgerton's curtain for 1/. We went over to Otego where I got a pair of slippers at Mr. Clydes. Went to Uncle William Shepherds where we took dinner and we then started for home where we arrived about 8 oclock at night. Found mother and the babe smarter than I expected.

5. Mon. Rain. Spent part of the day in drawing and painting some maps of this county and Delaware County.

6. Tue. Went down to election. Had my foot measured for a pair of Kipskin boots at Mr. Seeley's. Mr. Nevel went to Guilford with the horses and wagon after his wife and family.

7. Wed. John Wilkinson came down to stay over night with me. I was taken about midnight with a severe colic pain which hung on till after 4 oclock am before I obtained relief.

8. Thur. Husked corn. Went up and staid over night with John.

9. Fri. Finished husking. Mr. Nevel and family returned home. Father painted the top of his wagon.

10. Sat. Went down to the village where I was inspected by C. Atherton, Town Supperintendant and recieved my certificate. Visited at Mr. Merritt's in the eve.

12. Mo. Went over to Coventry West Corders with father. Purchased cloth for a pair of black pantaloons at 14/ per yard. A black silk neck handkerchief, pocket knife for 11/, Father purchased a binding chain, a rope halter and a piece of rope. Grandmother visited at Mr. Chamberlains

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D, Bancroft.
1849 (19)
November.
13. Tue. Father went with me up on Searle's hill to see about the school.

14. Wed. Started with granmother for the Butternuts stopped at Mr. Beckwith's and got a couple of pieces of leather belonging to us.

15. Thur. Staid over night at Uncle William Birdsall'a Went with ganmother down to Uncle Nathan's, (Nahum's?) I visited at A & N. Shepherd's. went down to Uncle William Shepherd's where we staid over night.

16. Fri. Visited the district school taught by A.G. Nowles. Went over to Uncle Nathan's

17. Sat. Ganmother took the white mare and Uncle Nathan's wagon and went to Sidney. I took the black mare and Mr. Coles wagon and went to Franklin with Mr. Nowlen.

18. Sun. Returned to Uncle Nathan's and staid over night. It has been pleasant for 4 days.

19. Mon. Went over to Otego where I found Uncle Henry and we all came home. A. Frasier came here soon after I arrived for the purpose of having me go to Franklin with him. Went over to Mr, Hydes and got bis buggy wagon

20. Tue. Started a little before day light and arrived at Franklin about nooon. Augustus obtained board, room and everything necessary for 12/ I attended the closing excersizes of the Academy and found them very interesting.

21. Wed. Purchased a Webster's Dictionary for $5.50 and Pages theory and Practice of teaching for 7/, and a letter stamp for 1/ Paid my board bill of $8.50 Came as far as Bainbridge where we took dinner, 2/

22. Thur. Took Mr. Hyde's wagon over home. Ganfather and Granmother and the baby went ovet to Mr. Merritt's.

23. Fri. Went down to the village, had a vest and a pair of pantaloons cut at Mr. Wooley's. Had the saw files at the Camps. Went to mill.

24. Sat. Went to the village and had the axeltree altered at Mr. Elagg's. Visited Mr. Munson's school in the am. Took dinner at Esq. Chamberlain's. In the pm visited Mr. Vale's school in company with Mr. Munson and Mr. Chamberlain. Rain.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, School teacher.
1849, (19 yrs.)
November.

25. God's day. Uncle Henry has gone up to attend Jane Cole's funeral. She died yesterday.

26. Mon. Went with mother and the baby over to Widow Smith's after a girl to sew for us.

27. Tue. Husked Mr. Nevel's corn in the am.

28. Wed. Went to the village and the mill. Bought at Mr. Jackson's a dozen vest buttons and 5 sheets of wadding for vest and cloak.

29. Thur. Went over to Uncle Chaunsey Hyde's and he refused to take any pay from me for use of wagon to Franklin. His price would have been $1.00

30. Fri. Mr, McFarlan helped father and Mr. Nevel Nevel butcher hogs. I went tin the pm to visit John Wilkinson's School.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, School teacher.
1849 (19 yrs)
December

1. Sat. Drove oxen for Mr. Nevel to plow. Father salted his pork. Very cold.

2. G It froze so hard last night as to shut up the creek about as much as it ever is in the winter.

3. Mon. Father went with me up on Sarle's Hill (he has previously spelled it Searle's Hill) where I am to keep school this winter coming. Mr Maynoard's for dinner.

4. Tue. Staid over night at Henry Pearsall's

5. Wed. Staid over night again at Pearsall's, also went down to Singing School with his boys. Very icy.

6. Thur. Commenced boarding at Mr. Amos Pearsall's

7. Fri. Staid at Pearsall's.

8. Sat. Have boarded three days at Amos Pearsall's. Took supper at Reuben Sarles After supper came home. Good sleighing, altho not much snow.

9. Gods day, Rains and freezes as fast as it falls. Father went up to the turnpike with me to meeting. After meeting he carried me part way up the hill. Overnight at H. Pearsall's.

10. Mon. Staid over night at Jacob Ireland's.

11. Tue. Cold and blustering. Went down to the turnpike to singing school. Went with H. Pearsall's boys, staid with them over night.

12. Wed. Staid over night at Mr. Sliter's

13. Thur. Over night at Cosby Ireland's.

14. Fri. Father came up after me. He arrived about half past 2 o'clock. Took supper at Reuben Sarl's Stopped at Mr. Lyons after granmother then came home. Letter from Edward Crane.

15. Sat. Father went over to W. Coventry. All the rest of the folks went to Mr. Wilkinson's a visiting. Wrote to Edward Crane.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Teacher at Sarl's Hill school house.
1849 (19yrs)
December.

16. G. Father brought me as far as Cosby Irelands.

17. Mon. One of my eyes commenced being sore yesterday. and today it is quite sore. Went to Samuel Pearsall's.

18. Tues. My eyes are sore. Taught a half day. Lewis Pearsall took me home with horse and cutter.

19. Wed. Thaws.

22. Sat. First that I have seen light since I returned.

23. G. My eyes begin to get better. Uncle William and Aunt Tacy have been down this week but my eyes have been so sore I did not see them.

27. Thur. Went out doors for the first time. Father went to Harpursville.

28. Fri. Visited Randolph MacDonald's School in the pm.

29. Sat. Father returned from Harpursville. Has bought a yolk of oxen, chain and sled. Father came up with me and we staid overnight at Smith Pearsall's

3 Thur."The school was visited in the pm by the town Syper= intendant also by the young man who taught this school last winter.
5 Sat."Had boarded at Reuben Searles this week. The past week has been beautiful winter weather. It has snowed a little each day but it has not been very cold, nor warm enough to in= jure the sleighing. George Searles took me home with horse and sleigh.
6 Sun."We gpt back about 2;30 pm. Attended meeting. Mr. Beebe preached. Brought up the magnetic machine to doctor George Searles deafness.
10 Thur."Had Amos Pearsol's horses and Mr Maynard's harness and sleigh to go down to singing school. Melissa and Matilda Pearsal and Leafy Searles accompanied me. Went down home for a ride. Excellent sleighing."
11 Fr."Started for home. Met father coming after me by Moriss Newton's. Thaws.
12 Sat."Turned fanning mill to clean up 25 bu. of oats for Mr. Nevel. Thaws.
13 Sun."Went down to the village to meeting with father and grandmaother. Eld. Parker preached."
14 Mon."Father brought me up to school this morning.
17 Thur."Went down to the singing school with Mr. Searls young folks."
19 Sat."Arvine Searles took me down home."
20 Sun."Father brought me up as far as the turnpike to meeting, then I rode up with Mr. Searles."
21 Mon."Had a singing school. Staid at N. Pearsol's. Rain last night, sbow and blowing this am.
25 Fri."Have boarded at Mr. Pearsol's this week. Went down almost to the turnpike on foot. Met John Wilkinson with horse and cutter and went over to Coventry, West corners to exhibition at the close of Select School. Very good. Went home."
26 Sat."Drawed logs to Mr. Hyde's mill. Warm".
27 Fri."Went to singing school and to meeting at the chapel. Thaws. Sleighing almost spoiled.
28 Mon/"Father brought me up to school. Satid all night at Sam Pearsol's. Snowed.
29 Tue.",u Uncle Ira came up to my school this pm. Found Uncle Nathan Birdsall and cousins John, George and William at our house and Aunt Eliza Bancroft. Clear pleasant.
30 Wed."Uncle Ira and Aunt Eliza started home. I rode up with them to my school. Father started to Oneonta with a load of hoop poles. Ckear and pleasant. Commenced boarding at Warren Mills."

98 1850 February.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, son of John Demarest Bancroft.
2 Sat."Went to Henry Pearsalls and stayed over night.
3 Sun."Attended meeting at the school house. Heard Priest Beebe's brother speak. Went to Mr. Maynard's and staid over night.
4 Mon."Commenced boarding at John Ireland's
6 Wed."Bough a pair of India ruber suspenders 2/
7 Thur."Visited at Mr Booth's with some young folks named Ives
8 Fri."Father came after me. Father had been hurt very bad by falling off a load of boards."
9 Sat."Helped clean up 30 bu. of oats. Rain.
10 Sun."Albert Hyde came and brought me up. Very Icey
11 Mon.
12 Ture."Very high wind.
16 Sat."Had Mr. Searle's horse and cutter to go home."
17 Sun."Went with mother down to the village to meeting."
18 Mon."came back to my school. Recieved a letter from Eli Chase whilst at home. Commenced boarding at Jacob Ireland's
22 Fri."John Wilkinson came up near with our black mare and cutter. Visited my school in the pm. Went home in eve."
23 Sat."Quarterly meeting today. Helped father put up stove pipe. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Old Mr. Searles and wife came here to stay over night."
24 Sun."Attended meeting. Heard the presiding Elder Stocking preach. Rode up here after meeting with Smith Pearsal.
26 Tue."Went down on the Turnpike to meeting. Mr. Beebe tried to show from the bible that when people had the "Power" they were filled with the spirit of God.
27.Wed."Went down to the turnpike to singing school. There was a storm of snow accompanied by lightening and thunder, the flashes being very vivid, bright and frequent.

1850 March.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft 99

2 Sat."Went down to the village with Lewis Pearsal, purchased a dozen primers for 1/3 (15¢, 20 cards for 10¢ Part of a stick of cough candy for 2¢. Have boarded this week at Jacob Ireland's adn one night with Mr. Sliters.

3 Sun."Very cold. Did not attend meeting. Staid at Mr. Searles.

4 Mon."Commenced boarding at Mr. Searle's

8 Fri."Closed my school. Recieved demands on the Town Superintend= ant of Bainbridge and Guilford for public moneys."

9 Sat."Smith Pearsal brought me down as far as Mr. Cleveland's Had Draper Beatman's wagon to go up there after my trunk. Visit= ed R. McDonald's school in the pm. Mpther vistied at Mr. Chase's.

10 Sun."Attended meeting at the chapel."

13 Wed."Commenced tapping sugar bush. Old Cherry caved."

14 Thur."Boiled sap in the sugar camp. Sick head ache."

16 Sat."Helped Nevel tap trees. Sold Mr. Hovey 18 doz hens eggs. For which he paid $1.00

17 Sun."Wrote letter to E. Chase."

18 Mon."Snowed, 10 inches.

20 Wed,"Went over to North village with Mr. Mc Donald and Mr. Hard. Drove our horse by the side of Mr. Mc Dobald's. Puurchsed some stove pipe at Mr. Brown's; ½ pound of plug tobacco at /2 per pound. Visited the new steam boat. Looks very well.

21 Thur."Went with mother down to South Village with cutter. Sold Mr Long 4½ pounds of maple sugar at 10¢ a pound. Let Mr. Jackson have 65 pounds on account.

25 Fri."Let Isaac Seeley have ****** of maple sugar towards paying for sap tubs.

24 Sun."Attended meeting at chapel. Heard Mr. Davis."

25 Mon."Paid John Wilkinson for Mr. Nevel 50¢ towards the Dews."

29 Fri."Went with mother over to C. Hyde's.

31 Sun."Went to meeting on the turnpike. Heard a young man by the name of Cook try to preach, a Hamilton student. Called and took tea at Abbie Doolittle's. Clear, pleasant, sap runs finely.

100 1850 April

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, son of Dr, John D. Bancroft.
6 Sat."Went to mill. Purchased a Jackson's chain halter and ½ pound horehound candy. received a letter from Edward Crns. Roads getting dry and settled. River very high. Warm rain. Messrs Camp and Barstow have moved onto the corner the past week.
7 Sun."Attended singing school and meeting at the chapel."
13 Sat."Went down to the village with Uncle Henry. Carried dpwn 28 lbs of maple cugar, price 8/6 ($1.75) a pound. Pur= chased a bottle of spirits of Hartshorn, fkur pounds of nails, and one pound Saleratus. Received $9.62 from the Town of Bain= bridge for teaching. Heavy snow storm from northwest.
14 Sun."Started for Otego after Aunt Margaret and Susan, about 3 pm on account of Grandfathers illness. The going was so bad I only got to Unadilla. Staid over night at Heathes."
16 Tue."Boiled sap. Cold blustering.
17 Fri."William Beatman has taken our wagon this am to Masonville.
18 Thur."Boiled sap. Pleasant.
19 Fri."Went up and kindled the fires before breakfast. Start= ed for Otego with Aunt Margaret, arrived between 4 and 5 oclock. After supper I went down to William Shepherd's."
21 Sun."Started for home accompanied by Aunt Tacy. Stopped and Baited at Mr. Robinsons at Unadilla. Still pleasant. Uncle William Birdsall came a short time after my return. Uncle Will= sheperd and Susan came here Saturday. Baited - Fed horse
22 Mon."All have returned home except Aunt Susan. Almira went to Otego with them. Went to singing school. Last Friday purch= cbased in North Bainbridge,= ½ lb salts, ½ lb cream of tartar, ½ doz ten quart pans, ½ dox six quart and got a new bottom on pail. Rain with thunder and lightening.
23 Tue."Sat up last night with grandfather till one oclock. Rain. Brought in the buckets from over in next to Mr. Hard's.
24 Wed."Grandfather a great deal worse. Staid over at Mr Nevells last night with James Burrows. Around Farmer Barrows
25 Thur."Grandfather died about 11;30 am. Uncle Henry and Aunt Susan started for Otego with C. Hydes horse and wagon. Had Camp prepare a rough coffin to carry the body over to Otego. (this is in error, he died on Wed the 24th.)
26 Friday,"We started for Otego with the body accompanied by Elder Wilkins, Mr chambers and wife attended the funeral in the meeting house in Otego. Eld. Wattles preached from the 103 Psalm. After the funeral went over to Uncle Nathan's who is quite unwell.
27 Sat."Returned home. Stopped at Geroge Birdsalls and took dinner. Very pleasant.
29 Mon."Father and Mr. Nevel are putting up fence.
30 Tue."Went to the mill with a couple bushels of Oats for Nevel and a couple of rye for ourselves. Bought 100 wt. firkin, price 5/ (63½¢)

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.

1 Wed."Sick with headache."

2 Thur."Elder Wilkins returned with our wagon. R. Chamberlain returned provender. Mother visited at Mr. Merrets. Washed the lambs in tobacco tea to kill ticks. Father drag ed on the flat with the horses. Clear. Dandylions in bloom."

3 Fri."Went to N rth Bainbridge, carried Mr. Nevel, Francis and George. Purchased 12 ten quart pans at 20/ per doz ($2.50) Purchased watch crystal. admittance to Caravan 2/ (25¢) Sold a tub of butter for 15¢ a pound and ten pounds of rolled butter at 14¢. Planted some cofn and potatoes."

4 Sat."Father plowed on corn ground. Planted corn and potatoes in the garden. McFarland hleped Nevel draw out manure. Uncle Henry had Mare and wagon to North Bainbridge. We had his oxen to draw out manure. Carried 15 dox eggs to Mr. Hovey. He owes us $2.50 for eggs. Mother paid school tax amounting to $1.59."

5 Sun."Attended singing school and meeting at the Chapel."

6 Mon. Gathered buckets.

7 Tue,"Finished gathering buckets."

8 Wed."Went to the village. Mother trade 5/.

11 Sat." Washed sap buckets."

12 Sun."J.C. Wilkinson staid with me overnight,"

13 Mon."finished wasing sap buckets. Washed 120 today. Father dragged and sowed oats. Sowed the first last Friday."

14 Tue."Washed the wagon. Mother visited at Mr. Barstow's.

15 Wed."Fixed the wagpn. Went down to the school house after Catharine. (his sister Katie.)

16 Thur."Satarted for Franklin. Crossed the river at North Bainbridge. Toll 9¢. Stopped at Sidney Plains and visited with Betthier (his uncle Berthier Bancroft, half brother of J.D.B.) Arrived at Franklin about 7 pm. Staid over night with F.Edger= ton at Scott's. Pleasant."

17 Fri."Went down to Prof. Kerr's and made him a present of some maple sugar. Took dinner at Prof. Kerr's. Supper at Mrs. Con= versss. Over night at Mr. Kerr's. Paid him $4.50 for a diction= ary. He gave me three catalogues for 1849=50. Attended exersi= es. Paid F. Edgertom 2/6 for the things I sold for him last fall. Purchased a book from William Beatman. Paid for Holden's mag= azine for another year."

18 Sat."Went over to Uncle William Shepherd's in the am. Went up to augustus Shepherd's in the pm and staid over night. Gran= mother went up to Uncle Nathan's. Chilly'.

19 Sun."Attended meeting at the Carr's school house, Uncle William Birdsall preached. Supper at Uncle Nathan's. Satid over night at Uncle Williams. Rain."

20 Mon."Started for home. Brought Alda as far as Gilbertsville. Received $8.24 from the town of Guilford, paid me by the wife of Dr. Yale of Mount Upton. Went to see Deacon Sliter's place on the Unadilla for which father talks of trading. Like it very well. rrived home at 9 pm."

21 Tue."Ground coveedd with one inch of snow. Father returned with the yearlings which have strayed.

22 Wed."Mr. Hard had mare and wagon to Coventry and West Corners. Had one shoe set. Planted a few potatoes in the field. Rain

23 Thur."Father has gone to the village after a load for Mr. Camp. Rain. Have $12.78 in my posession, have paid $7.38 this past week.

24 Fri."Went down to Mr. Chase's. Received 26¢ from Mr. Denby for rent of place near the meeting house, which I paid to father.

Mr. Chamberlain said he had not sowed or planted any seed. Mr. J. Nevel and family started for Mount Upton."
25 Sat."Father worked on Cow yard fence. Some folks plant= ed today. Rain.z"
26 Sun."Old Mr. Merritt died today near 5 pm. Nevel returned home. Rain."
27 Mon."Mr. Nevel and father have been to work on the fence. Went over to Mr. Merritts. Mother is going over there this afternoon to help them. Cloudy and windy."
28 Tur."Attended Mr. Merritts funeral. Sermon by Elder Wilk= inson from Revelations. Mr. Nevel and Mr. McFarlands boy marked out the corn ground. Father helped him plant in the pm.
29 Wednesday,"McFarland, William Wilkinson helped plant corn all day. Mr Hard a half day. Finished planting corn on the fl at. Father dragged in the oats on the old corn ground.
30 Thur."Father and Nevel planted a little piece by the wagon house to corn. Went over to Mr. Barstows and borrowed a drag. In the pm dragged the piece across the creek all over once. Kept both teams going all the time."
31 Fri."McFarland's son drove one team to drag, father drove the other and Mr. Nevel sowed."

William Oscar Bancroft, 19 yrs., Bainbridge, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Sat. "Father went after some grass seed. Finished sowing that piece over the creek. Carried 5 doz. eggs to Mr. Hovey's. Jay Wilkinson staid over night with me."

2 Sun. "Attended meeting at the chapel. Heard Eld. Moon preach."

3 Mon. "Had our colt altered by Benjamin Lyon. Mr. Hard made iron hook to fix tongue on new wagon."

4 Tue. "Father and I started for Norwich. Carried Mr. McFarland and Mr. Beatman to Oxford. Saw Drs. Mitchell, Baker and Purdy. Purchased a suspensory bandage. 6/ Father purchased a couple of hats for three dollars. McFarland sold a canal boat for 30 dollars."

5 Wed. "Visited with mother and grandmother at Mr. Chamberlands. Very warm and pleasant. McFarland had mare to mark planting ground.

6 Thur. "Attended the funeral of Miss Ayelsworth at Chapel. Elder Moon preached."

7 Fri. "Went to the village accompanied by mother and Uncle Henry. Purchased a firkin, 6/ cash. Contracted for 2 bu. buckwheat at Shutts and Co. Paid Mr. Jackson $3.75 Father, Nevel, and Uncle Henry washed sheep in company."

8 Sat. "Mr. and Mrs. Case and two children came here last night and staid till 4 this pm. Started for Searles Hill with Smith Sliter. Had Hovey's wagon. Showery."

9 Sun. "Stayed over night with Jac Ireland's. Attended meeting at the school house. Mr. Davis preached. Mr. Hovey and Barstow had new wagon to corners to meeting."

10 Mon. "The men Nineveh & Co. arrived home about 7 oclock. Mr. Hard had mare and new wagon to North Bainbridge. Cold.

11 Tue. "Father and mother started to Otego. My eyes commenced being sore. Chilly wind."

12 Wed. "Some frost this am. Mr. McFarland had lumber wagon to Oxford. Mr. Nevel sowed carrot seed. Drove oxen for him to ridge. Somewhat warmer.

13 Thur. "Parents returned from Otego. Father purchased a whip at E. R. Brewer's and Co. 8/6 ."

14 Fri. "Am. milked two cows when I was taken with such severe pain in my eyes that I had to go to bed. Took an emetic and poulticed my eyes."

15 Sat. "Not much better. took a thorough sweat."

19 Wed. "I have recovered so much that I have just been out of doors. My cough continues very bad accompanied by soreness of my lungs."

21 Fri. "Father, mother. baby and myself went down to camp meeting and stayed a few hours in the pm."

22 Sat. "Nathan Shepherd and wife and Susan came here. James Burrows, pedler, stayed here over night. Uncle Henry had horse and wagon to West corners. 15 June, Mr. Hovey has had wagon for week to go to and from the camp. Meeting closed Sat. am."

23 Sun. "Nathan, Lucina and Susan started for home today. Self took a short ride with J. Burrows, pedler."

24 Mon. "Went a peddling trip this am. with J. Burrows. J. Nevel had horse to Guilford yesterday. Commenced plowing out corn the twenty second."

25 Tue. "Received one shilling of William Beatman, towards book I have let him have. The other six shillings are to be turned in on some grass seed he let father have."

26 Wed. "Started with Grandmother for Windsor. Dinner at Mr. Crandalls below Harpursville. Arrived at Mr. Gilberts one mile below Windsor a little before sundown. Pleasant."

27 Thur. "Started in company with Samantha Gilbert and Adalaid Birdsall to view the bridges and other curiossities in Pennsylvania. Started at 7:00 in am from Mr. Gilberts, crossed the river at a ferry near the state line. We first came to what is called the cascade bridge. Which is called one of the noblest, grandest and best specimens of architecture in the U.S. It is situated in one o the most romantic places I ever saw. Left my team in the ravine below and we went up the ravine under the bridge where we lost in astonishment at the height, beauty and grandeur of the scene. Then we commenced ascending the almost perpendicular precipace under the bridge, which after much toil and trouble, we accomplished. But we were amply repaid for our labor by the romantic beauty of the scene. While we were standing on the bridge the passenger train came thundering up at great speed. But it moved more slowly crossing the bridge, so we had a good view of it. Soon after another train came and stopped on the bridge to unload the materials for another coat of cement. After examing the engine we went down to the wagon by another path. By driving rather fast succeeded in reaching Starrucca soon enough to see the train return. We then went up the creek two miles to a tannery owned by Enock Copley, an old acquaintance of my parents. He owns about 2,000 acres of land there, three saw mills, a very extensive tannery, store and so forth. After visiting the stone quarry, mineral spring we went down to the depot where they have a large manufactury for making and repairing engines and cars. We then crossed the river at Lanesboro and returned to Mr. Gilberts. Arrived about 8:00 after a very pleasant day."

June, 1850, diary of William Oscar Bancroft continued.

28 Fri. "Went up to the Academy in the forenoon. In the pm took Mother and old Mrs. Gilbert up to Esq. Wheeler to make a visit. Showers."

29 Sat. "Came up to Harpursville visited at Mr. Pearsals, Jery Stow's and others. Then went over to N. Cases where we staid over night."

30 Sun. "Tended Methodist meeting in Harpursville, took tea at Mr. Dorts. Arrived home about 8 pm. Attended prayer meeting at the schoolhouse."

1850 July

106 William Oscar Bancroft, diary.
1 Mon. Mr. Hurd had horse and wagon to South Bainbridge.
2 Tue."Started for Franklin in company with J.O.Wilkinson. stopped in Sidney to see Berthier. Arrived in Franklin about nooon. Put up at the Delavan House. Attended the examinations. Heard Ladies papers read. Rain in pm.
3 Wed.."Attended exhibition. There were 20 original speak= ers, 2 Coloques, etc. The excersizes were held in a bower at the end of the Academy. After supper went over to Otego and stayed over night at Uncle William Shepherd's."
4 Thur."Went over the Gilbertsville, arriveing at 9:30 am. The procession was formed at the Academy and marched to the grove to the sound of martial music. The Declaration of Independence was read ny H. Sturgis esquire. Address by James Banks of Bainbridge. In the pm procession same as in am. The students held their anual exhibition in the grove. Three good speakers the rest pretty poor. In the evenin= ing fireworks. Stayed over night at William Crandall's Rain.
5 Fri." Returned home by way of Unadilla river. My share of the expense, besides providing horse and harness and wagon has been 3 shillings. Paid 10¢ for a testament for my little cousin. Arrived home at supper time. My expenses in Penn= sylvania trip 14/
6 Sat."A couple of men by the name Fletcher, here today to examine the farm which they talk of purchasing. They have purchased the farm for 2400.00. They are under $500.00 bond to fulfill the contract. Uncle Henry carried Almira and mother to Mr. Leeches nd to Old Mr. Butts.
7 Sub."Uncle Henry returned."
8 Mon."Henry had horse a half day to plow out potatoes. In the afternoon Pa took ten bushels of rye to Phillips in Cov= entry to pay for grind stone, crank. Rollers, scythe, cloth for pants, etc. They allowed 6/ for rye.
9 Tues."Father and mother went to Edgar Nickerson's to visit and to the mill. Mr. Nevels stock has been increased by a litter of twelve pigs. Ours by half that number. He has lost 2, we have lost none yet.
10 Wednesday."Father moved our boards at Hydes mill. Nevel plowed out potatoes. William Beatman and wife had the white mare to plow corn.
11 Thur."Started for Otego with grandmother. Took tea at Billy Youmans. Left Grangmaother and horse and wagon at Uncle Nathan Smiths. I staid at Augustus Shepherds.
12 Fri,"Went to Otego. Took dinner at David Shepherd's. Re= turned home stopping at North Bainbridge, to see the steam noat. They have got the boiler in its place. Heard of Gen. Taylor's death. Found Uncle William and Aunt Tacy at home.
13 Sat."Took 4 bu. of rye to Mr. Jackson. 5/6 bought bought. brook.
14 Sun."Attended singing school at the Chapek. Mr. Nevel had the horse and wagon to go with his family to Guilford.
15 Mon."Rain.
16 Tue."McFarland had white mare to plow.out potatoes.

William Oscar Bancroft.

17 Started to Otego with mother and baby. My cousin Martin Shepherd stayed here last night, we travelled most of the way in company. arrived at Uncle Williams at 2 pm. Mrs. Follett and Mrs. Laurence visited at Uncle Williams. I went up to the Brown school house with Martin to the school meet= ing. A noisey one it was."

18 Thur."Received from Abner Perry $8.00 in full payment for 100 pounds of sugar by me delivered. Rain & wind. Purchased a satin vest of Helliker, ready made for which I paid $3.50 Bought ½ yd of cambrick for mother."

19 Fri."Mother visited at Mr. Goddard in company of Mrs. Law= rence. severe wind with rain, very destructive of crops.

20 Sat."Mother staid at Mr. Coles last night.,Started for home at 9 oclock. Stopped in North Bainbridge to see the steam boat. Storm had not been so seveere in this section as at Otego. There the winter grain was badly damaged and fruit trees broken down.

21 Sun."Clear and Pleasant.

22 Mon."J.C.Wilkinson commenced working for us. Mowed the little meadow in the orchard and some around the barn.

23 Tue."McFarland worked here today. Mr. Hard and his man plowed here a while in exchange for team to daw in hay this afternoon. Drawed in one load for ourselves. Raked up the rest.

24 Ed."Drawed in 5 loads of hay. Yot.

25 Thur."McFarland commenced cutting rye. Carried some wool up to Rogers carding machine in Coventry. Grandmother went to Mr. Roberts, I to Mr. Chamberlain's. Commenced taining at 2 pm. Have some hay cut to be spoiled or injured. Henry Chase worked here a half day for Mr. Hard. Mr. Hard took away his mare and colt the 23rd. Turned in a cow. We com= menced pasturing his mare the 17th of last June.

26 Fri."Started for Dutchess county by way of New york in company with grandmother Birdsall. For further comment see another book.

108 William O. Bancroft Bainbridge
A Journey. July 26
Father brought grandma and self over to Deposit today. Did not arrivce until after the cars had left so we shall have to remain until tomorrow
27. Sat. "Took the tain at Deposit at 9;35 qrrived N.Y. 8:30 pm. Put up at the Irving house. Thus ended 200 miles by the power of steam.
28 Sun."Stayed at hotel until Monday. Could not find R. Coles house. Called at Mr. Crane. Meeting at Trinity church. Took a walk on the Battery. Had a conversation with man lately from England who had travelled widely.
29 Mon. Wrote a letter to father yesterday. Went down town with Mr. Crane/ and Henry. Found George Cole. Edward and self took a ride. Mild horse and carriage. Went toward the upper part of the island. Very pleasant ride.
30 Tue." Slept last night on the 5th dtory of the hotel which overlooks the North river. Very pleasant. Started with grand mother for Mr. Coles. Went to Pearl Street and saw Mr. Hard ****** Went to the office of Wilson and company Dispatch. Subscribed for the paper, to be sent to Franklin. Bought some books to take] amounting to $1.00 Went to the ***** company with grandma
31 Wed."Wrote another letter to father to be carried by George Cole to Deposit. Am very sorry I cannot get home as anticipated. Took the cars about 2 pm. for ~~Boughkipsee~~. Hired a conveyance for Beckman village. Paid $4.00. Had a pleasant ride or would have did I not feel I was losing money very fast.
Poughkeepsie

William Oscar Bancroft, 19 yrs., Bainbridge, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Thur. "Arrived at the Widow Hollaway's about 8 oclock. They greeted us very kindly indeed, excellent food and excellent bed. Had the best nights sleep here. The old lady remembered grandmother immediately though they had not seen each other in 18 years. They have a beautiful home in the village with 10 acres of land. The old ladies daughter teands a small school in part of the home. Visited the Sylvan Lake. Had some very nice whortle berries. Staid over night at Wayman Lodge.

2 Fri. "Visited a big elm tree near the village where they have seats and a swing for the accomodation of the young men and maidens of the village."

3 Sat. "Grandmother and I stayed at Wyman's last night. This morning Wayman's wife brought us over to the mountain to Aunt Fanny's. They have a beautiful place, nice buildings and abundance of fruit trees. Went down to the Pawlings depot in company with John and some of the women folks."

4 Sun. "Went to Methodist meeting. Very hot. Grandmother and Wayman's wife went visitng. Toward night Wayman's wife went home. Went with Lydia over to Elijah's a while in the evening. Hevelyn Cook came here to see us. Clever boy."

5 Mon. "Lydia took us in her horse and carriage up to Nat H. Pierce's. Toward night went up to D. Shoves where we staid all night. He is going to move next month to Chatham Tioga county farm he recommends us to buy. Situated on the Contsqua creek near Knoxville and called the Knox Farm. Owner Esquire White of Wellsboro."

6 Tue. "Grandma visited at the Widow Starks. In pm visited at the Venoni Pierce's where we staid all night."

7 Wed. "Went with B. Pierce's horse and wagon in company with Rachel Stark and Grandmother to Burd's Corners and from there back to Nat Howlands. Pleasant time."

8 Thur. "Staid last night at the Wil. Starks. Grandmother staid at Widow Allen's. Has gone today down to Elijah Dodge. Received a letter from Father. Have been exposed to the mumps. Folks are here busily engaged with their hay and oats. There has been a shower every day for some time past. Visited what are called the Cat Rocks, on the mountain in company with 2 of B. Pierce's boys and a whale fisher who has just returned from a cruise of 11 months. These rocks rise to a great height, bold and bare. We could see a great distance."

9 Fri. "Staid at Nat Pierce's. This morning Grandma went down to Aunt Nancy's. I went with Nat. over to the Wesley Starks. At Hurd's corners. The P. O. is Campbells ville, after that went to Aunt Fanny's then went with grandmother and Lydia to Nathan Pierces' who lives in style. Took my trunk doen to the depot. Staid over night at Dodge's. Started after breakfast for the depot. Cars

started at half after 8 am. Arrived in city about half past 11. I got to Mr. Cranes about half past 1. In the pm went to see George Cole. He went around the city with me some."

11 Sun. "Went with George to Coney Island on the steam boat, St. Nicholas. Pleasant trip and a chance to see the Ocean surf dash upon the beach. Did not pass the sabbath exactly as I would wishes. Paid 1.40 for my passage to Pawlings to New York. Had a pleasant trip. Toward night we went to Mr. Cranes where I passed the night. Found that they were some alarmed at my prolonged absence."

12 Mon. "Went with Edward to Staten Island. He had some business there with a Roman Catholic Priest. A beautiful place. If I were a millionare I think I could find a place on this island that would suit me. From the island we returned to the city by the steamboat Huegenot. We then took dinner at an eating house, from there to the Fulton Ferry where we crossed to Brooklyn and took the omnibus for Greewood where we spent several pleasant hours viewing some of the magnigicent monuments of the wealthy and admiring the romantic and beatiful scenery of the place. After wandering about in the various winding paths were at last succeeced in finding our way out of the mysterious labyrinth when we hastened to the boat landing where we found the little steamer Catherine nearly ready to start so we hastened on board. Soon reached the City where we took an Omnibus and hastened back to Mr. Cranes. On arriving there I found Mr. Demarest had left some time before so I hastened with all speed to the dock which I succeded in reaching ten minutes before the boat started. I found G. M. Cale waiting to send a small package to Otego. Had a head wind. Found Esq. Barlow of Harpursville on board the boat. He offered me the privilege of riding with him from Deposit to South Bainbridge when we arrived at Piermont. It was dark. We got into the cars immediately from the boat and rode the rest of the way in the dark. Arrived in Deposit a quarter after 3 am. Went to bed and slept till breakfast time."

"Baptist Book Depository Edward H. Fletcher. 140 Nassau St.
H. Hueston Publisher of Illustrated Domestic Bible 139 Nassau
T. P. Hatch Proprietor of The Baptist Memorial 128 Nassau
American Tract Soc. 150 Nassau
Paper Warehouse, Carson and Hurd Leavitt Trone and Co. 281 Pearl
Book Seller 191 Broadway publishes of Kirwin letters and Barne's notes."

17 Sat. "Finished hauling in all that had to be cut on this place this year. Have had excellent luck with our haying, considering the bad season one of the worst we have known. Finished haying before the oats were cut."

18 Sun. "Heard a Presbyterian minister by the name of Wright."

20 Tue. "Father and self started for Hamilton, Madison County. Went by way of Norwich up to the Chenango canal. Arrived at Hamilton at 5 pm. Put up for the night in Col. Nyes Hotel."

21 Wed. "Attended the exhibition of the graduating class of the collegiate department of Madison University. Heard some very good speaking. Took dinner at Prof. Spears. Our bill at the hotel $2.00."

1850. August, diary of William Oscar Bancroft continued.

22 Thur. "Passed a very pleasant evening at the Deacon's in company with his daughter and some other young people. They have a piano. In the am went up to the college building with Mr. Fisher. Visited the museum, reading room and Society rooms, etc. Thence to the cemetery where I passed a pleasant hour looking at the beauty of the place. Good taste in the selection of the monuments and in reading the inscriptions of the noble men who founded this institution. It is situated on the height of grounds back of the buildings. I attended the exhibition in the Theological Dept. After the close of the exercises we went over to Grandmother Bancroft's where we arrived about 8 pm."

23 Fri. "Grandmother is to return with us. Started at 2:30 pm and came down as far as Mr. T. Holmes in Columbus, where we staid all night. Visited in company with Esq. Robinson and wife."

24 Sat. "Started about 9 am for home, passed thru Colombus Center sown thru North Berlin and so down the river home, where we arrived about dusk. Have sold old white for $30. to William Bateman."

29 Thur. "Went with Grandmother Bancroft to Sidney to see Betthier. Sold a calf skin for J. Nevel. The money for which with .50 he let me have previous to starting. I laid out for a sack of salt and the rest for candles."

1850 September. Bainbridge. 21yrs

112 Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft. 20yrs
2 Mob."Had a very severe freshet. The creeks very high. A lad age 13 was drowned at Chasses mill. Richard Wakeman and wife were drowned in Harpursville, their house being carried away by the water.
3 Tue,"Went down to South Village (South Bainbridge and saw steam boat come in, the water being high enough so she could go over the dam
8 Sun."Ira arrived (Ira Bancroft) after his mother, Nrs, David Bancroft) Wm Oscar Bancroft's grandmother,) They started the next morning.
9 Mon."We went over to the furnace to get some castings for the thresher, Received 15¢ for the old iron, paid 85¢ for the new.
10 Tue."Father went to Harpursville. I worked with the threser all day."
12 Thur."Worked ½ day threshing buck wheat. We had 45 bu of winter wheat.
13 Fri."Cut corn."
14 sat."Cut corn. Father and Nevel went off to look at a farm. I worked for Nevel when gone to make up for lost time. Went down to the village (Bainbridge) carried 4 bu. of oats to Flags Grist Mill. Brought up grist for Nevel and Henry."
16 Mon."Father and mother went up to Mr. Benedict's to look at a farm. Made a verbal bargain for it at $1500.00
17 Tues."Uncle Henry had mare and wagon to Deacon Stowell's and to Corbin's mills."
18."Father came up to Franklin with me where I am to attend school again a while. Came by way of Mr. Fletcher's on Car's creek.
19 Fri."Father started for Otego this morning. I let him have $17.00. I paid J.C.Wilkinson $6.00 which father owed him for work in haying."
20 Sat."Commenced boarding at Mr. Sullard's having everything found me at 11/ a week. Attended excersizes.
22 Sun."Attended meeting at the Methodist in the am. and the Baptist in the pm.
27 Sat."J.C.Wilkinson went home yesterday. Sent a letter by him to father Subscribed to T.S.Arthurs' home gazette. Paid Mr. Reynolds 47¢. Bought 24 envelopes for 90¢. Friday there were bo excersizes on account of the rain. Had my hair cut today. Have attended some lectures on elocution delivered by a Mr. Camp, a graduate of Hamilton. Cold."

1850 October

William Oscar Bancroft, diary, 21yrs Bainbridge, Academy student, at Franklin. 113

5 Sat."Went over to Otego and Met father, mother and sister at UncleWilliam Shepherd's. They brought me a new coat. Took G.M.Coles accordion which I am to get fixed at his expense, when, if it proves as good as anticipated, I am to have for $15.

7 Oct. Mon." My parents came with me through Franklin on their way home. Received $1.00 of father. The teacher's Institute commenced last Wednesday. They do not go off as well as last fall."

10 Thur."Had an exhibition with the solar microscope which was good. They had the best luck magnifying a drop of vinegar. It was full of animals of some kind in a continual state of action. some were magnified so large they appeared like small river eels.

12 Sat."Attended excersizes last evening and spoke a piece which was highly applauded. Purchased a pair of india rubber suspenders, 2/6 31¢

13 Sun."I have a bad cold and sore throat. Did not attend church

14 Mon."Sent a letter to Uncle Ira and one home. Lent $1.00 to Santha Chase. Attended Prof. Kerr's lecture on geology.

15 Tue."Paid William Smith 2/ (25¢) for fixing accordian and paid Mr. Judd one shilling for putting lock on box. Pleasant."

19 Sat."There were no excersizes at the Academy on account of the anxiety of the students to hear the lestured delivered by Samuel Ward the celebrated negro lecturer and editor of an abolition paper published in Boaton. He took up the fugitive slave bill passed by Congress and analyzed it from beginning to end."

25 Fri."It has been an unpleasant wet week. Paid 1/ to the stage driver for bringing my valice up to Bainbridge.".

26 Sat."The excersizes were pretty good last evening. There were few there on account of the rain."

29 Mon."Tops of hills are white with snow. Bought a silk plush cap at Mr. Water's store. The money I bought it with I borrowed from A. Hyde, viz $2.00 Bought a tune fork of Hyde.

1850 November.

114 Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Bainbridge, Student Franklin Academy. 21 years old, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.

8 Fri."Father came to Franklin this morning having staid a short distance below the village on account of darkness. Board bill $9.67½, Tuition 2.37½. Paid Mr. Smith $1.00 fixing watch.

9 Sat."Sent 6/ to Mr. Morrison by Mr. Hyde to pay for an um= brella. Went up to our other place for the first time. Went to my school district but did not see any of the trustees. Went to singing school led by Alfred Converse."

12 Tue."Went up and closed the bargain for my school. Was in= spected by Scoville Parker."

18 Mon."Commenced my school. Am to teach 3½ months at $16.00

19 Tue."Attended meeting in the school house in pm. Wright preached."

20 Wed."Attended young peoples society at E. Wright's."

23 Sat."Returned home in evening. Have boarded with the Deacpn since Monday."

25 Mon."My father carried me up in the morning. Had Mr Hovey's wagon." Boarded with Alphonso Rogers for 8 days. Friday attend= ed singing school at the Corners."

29 Fri."Returned home in the evening. Parents visited at Mr. Hovey's."

Names of scholars=

age	Name		Black Marks
15yrs	Samuel Stoddard	111111	
4	Clark L. Horton		
16	Marion A. Benedict		
9	Deforest Smith	111111	0001010
6	Edward Rogers	111111	1101
5	Charles Mayo	111111	
5	Willie B. Rogers	111111	
9	Francis B. Rogers	111111	1111111111
12	Darwin Smith	1111½1	001111
9	Melvin Emerson Scott	11111	1111101
6	Adelbert Benedict	11101	
10	Lewis Hotchkiss		1
14	Chester P. Fryon		11000011111
12	Henry H. Jones		011111
17	Charles Rogers		
14	Samuel V. Scott		
11	Sarah A. Stoddard	111111	110111111
10	Catharine A Rogers.	111111	11111111
12	Hannah Jones	111111	
4	Elizabeth P. Jones	111111	11011111111
7	Josephine Mayo	111111	01011101
8	Olive Scott	111111	0111110111
6	Leonora Smith	111111	11111
10	Helen Cora Benedict	111111	0111
8	Mary Louise Jone	½1111	
7	Sybil Jane Jones	½1000	
14	Akmina F. Benedict	1	1111
12	Fidlia M. Scott		11
16	Mary Ann Smith		1
14	Sarah E. Rogers		1
11	Ellen S. Rogers		111111111111
14	Sally M. Jones.		
16	Avis A. Horton.		1
16	Febeccah M. Benedict		
	Georgia H. Lindles	1	
20	Huldah M. Jones		
8	Charles E. Hotchkiss.		

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Wm Oscar Bancrofts order of recitation in Academy

	hour	Minutes to	hour	minutes	
A.M.	9		9	25	Reading scriptures 2,3,4th classes
	9	27	9	55	Reading Scriptures 5,6,7th classes
	9	55	10		Answering questions
	10		10	15	Arithmetic
	10	15	10	25	Astronomy
	10	25	10	35	Miscillaneous
	10	35	10	45	Geography
	10	45	11	10	Recess
	10	10	10	30	Miscellaneous Recitations.
	10	30	12		Reading of D. Scholars & Spelling
P.M.	1		1	10	A Class in reading.
	1	10	1	25	3 and 4 classes and 2 min.questions
	1	27	1	55	5,6,7 classes & D Scholars
	2		2	20	English grammer and parsing
	2	20	2	40	Philosophy
	2	40	2	50	Miscellaneous classes.
	2	50	3	10	Recess
	3	10	3	20	Algebra
	3	20	3	35	Miscillaneius classes
	3	35	3	50	D Scholars & snd class spelling
	3	50	4		Wtiting etc.

116 1 December 1850. Monday

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, 21 yrs, school teacher.

Went up to school on foot on account of Mr. Nevels not returning with the team as expected. He had gone to attend the funeral of a sister. He has been to Guilford twice lately. The first time he came back with the black mare lame and she has not got over it yet.

7 Sat."Returned after having boarded two night this week at Victo Scott's. Wednesday night attended Society meeting at Deacon Stoddard's and enrolled my name as a member. Am to write an essay on Woman's Rights. Next week. Commenced boarding at Deacon Stoddard's.

15 Fri."Attended meeting at South Bainbridge in company with father. Elder Sanford Martin preached. (Cousin of Clora (Martin Bancroft(destined to be Wm Oscars second wife)

18 Wed."Had boarded with Deacon Stoddard 5 days. Coommenced boarding with Alphonso Rogers and boarded with him 8 days (Dec. 25 to Jan. 3) Fri. Attended singing school at the Corners.

19 Thur."Went with Mr. Roger's team to Henry Benedict's to Society meeting. Read disertation on Women's rights.

22 Sun."Have boarded at home for 4 days. Went down to Mr. Merritt's and brought up Catharine Merritt who is interested to live with us a while and attend school.

28 Sat."Father went to North Bainbridge. I went along as far as G. Luon's school. Father purchased a pair of boots at $3.00

29 Sun."Snowed. Excellent sleighing.

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 21 yrs., Bainbridge, N.Y. 1851

January 1851

1 Wednesday School teacher.

Started with mother and the baby for Otego. (Around Otego and the "Butternuts" were the farms of a number of Birdsall families, his mother, Laura Birdsall's people). Expense today $0.25 for little Mary Catharine a pair of Morocco shoes, 9¢ bridge toll and Tavern fees. Went to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's. Staid over night.

2 Thursday School teacher. Went to Franklin (where Wm. Oscar attended Academy). Paid $3.00 for four copies of Holden's magazine for which the following persons are are to pay 7/ per copy, viz, A. Rogers, Scott, Stoddard and C. Jones. Paid /6 (six pence for almanack & 3 for Adam's revised edition of Arith. Took three copies of Thompson's Algebra to sell on commission for which I am to return him 31 ¢ a piece. Returned to Uncle Nathan's and took mother over to Uncle William Shepher's. 7¢ toll.

3 Friday School teacher. Went up to see Martin's school. Was a good school. Took dinner at Mr. Cole's. (Henry P. Birdsall, brother of Laura Birdsall Bancroft, Married Sally M. Cole, Wm. Oscar's aunt). He is very feeble. He has consumption. Went up the creek. Stopped at Uncle Nathan's, and then went up to the Elders. Staid over night with Uncle Nathan Pierce with Mr. Hunter, a district school teacher. (Nathan Pierce married Susan Birdsall, sister of Laura Birdsall Bancroft, Wm. Oscar's aunt.

4 Saturday Visited Mr. Hunter's school. Went down to Augustus Shepherd's and staid over night. (Son of William Shepherd and Tacy Birdsall Chepherd, sister of Laura Birdsall Bancroft). Around Butternuts, present day Gilbertsville, there were many Birdsall related aunts, uncles and cousins.

5 Sunday Started for home. Stopped at Jerome Youngman's and at Mr. McDonald's. Paid 6¢ tavern fees. Mother attended covenant meeting yesterday. Total expenses $3.12.

7 Tuesday Went over to the turnpike to a singing school with Charles Rogers. They have a very good school. Keep door closed against spectators.

8 Wednesday Commenced boarding at Mr. Rogers. Attended protracted meeting at East Corners. Heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Mr. Clark from Oxford. His text: "What think ye of Christ?"

10 Friday Came home and went up to meeting with mother. Elder Parker preached.

January 1851 (continued)

11 Saturday Went up to meeting with Catherine (this is not his sister). Mr. Clark preached again.

12 Sunday Father and mother went up to meeting at the Corner's. I staid home and wrote a letter to Edw. Crane. (The Crane family of New York City is related to the Demarest's of the Bancroft line.) Have boarded at Mr. Rogers for 5 days.

13 Monday Ma staid at Mr. Rogers this night and also went to meeting.

14 Tuesday Went over to Victor Scott's. Did not attend meeting.

18 Saturday Have boarded since Tuesday at Mr. Jones'. Have attended meeting every night this week. Concluded last evening by God's gracious assistance to devote the remainder of my life to the service of God.

19 Sunday Went with Mother over to Elder Parker's church. Witnessed a baptism of Deacon Carpenter's son in the pm. and in the evening heard Mr. Clark preach. Excellent discourse as usual.

20 Monday Taught in the am. Attended a prayer meeting at one o'clock. Mr. Clark preached at two o'clock, also at seven which will be the order the remainder of the week.

21 Tuesday Taught in the am. Am not to teach any more this week.

22 Wednesday Elder Parker and Lady visited here in the am.

24 Friday Mr. Clark has been preaching a series of doctrinal discourses during the past week: 1. The Creation of Man, 2. The Moral Obligations Existing Between the Creator and the Created, 3. The Fall and its Consequences, 4. The Plan of Redeeming Grace, 5. The Doctrine of Election which also will be his theme tomorrow.

25 Saturday Went with Mother over to West Corners to prayer meeting. Had a blessed season. Bought me a pair of gloves at 5/, a clothes broom at 1/, at Phillips and sons.

26 Sunday Heard three sermons preached by Mister Clark. His subject: The Perseverance of Saints". Mr. Clark closed his labors with us on the eve of the 27th.

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March 1951 (continued)

12 Wednesday At home. Father took load of hay to the village (Bainbridge). John started for Otego.

13 Thursday With parents. Father went to village (Bainbridge) with grain.

16 Friday Bainbridge with parents. Went to meeting at the West Corners. 6 were baptized in our church today and 10 at the Wilkins neighborhood.

17 Saturday Bainbridge with parents. Had a prayer meeting of young persons at our house.

18 Tuesday Attended Elder Parker's prayer meeting at the Jones School House.

22 Saturday Bainbridge with parents. Started on horseback for Otego. Stopped at Mr. Beckwin's and let them know that Mr. Nevel's folks are sick. Went to Uncle William Birdsall's (Elder William Birdsall, Laura Birdsall Bancroft's brother) and staid over night. Had excellent visit with him, sat up past midnight. Expense for horse baiting and refreshment 1/.

23 Sunday Bainbridge, with parents. Attended meeting at the Carr school house. Uncle William preached and excellent discourse from the text, "Many are called but few are chosen". After meeting went to Augustus Shepher's (son of William Shepherd, husband of Tacy Birdsall, Laura's sister) where I tarried over night. Fine clear weather.

24 Monday Bainbridge with parents. Went down to the river to see George Cole (George Cole, brother of Sally Cole, wife of Henry P. Birdsall. George Cole has consumption), who I fear had got to die soon with consumption. Paid him 14 dollars for the accordion. Went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's and staid all night with cousin Martin. Had a good visit with Uncle Nathan.

25 Tuesday Bainbridge a home. Started for home. Stopped at North Bainbridge. Paid 2/ for fixing watch. 1/ for primers and 0.95 for horse haiting. Road from the village home in 1½ hours.

26 Wednesday Bainbridge with parents. Went to the East Corners and got 5 lbs. of nails for Father. Received a letter from J. R. Smith, well worth the money.

28 Friday Bainbridge with parents. Mr. Smith plastered the bed room and clothes press. I boiled sap a spell while Mr. Teachout worked here.

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 21 years, Bainbridge, N.Y.

1851

March 1851

1 Saturday School teacher. Offered myself to the church at West Corners as a candidate for the ordinance of baptism. May God grant that I was not deceived. My companions to the watery grave was an old gentleman who had been for 20 years a member of the Presbyterian church at theCorners and for 15 years under concern of mind concerning his baptism.The other young man only lately under concern of mind.Immediately after the administration of the ordinance we returned to the meeting house where we received the righthand of fellowship and then partook of the Lord's Supper. Oh!may I never prove unworthy of the confidence of my brethren and sisters.

3 Monday Attended a convert's prayer meeting at Victor Scott's where I remained over night. Had an interesting season.

4 Tuesday Attended Elder Parker's prayer meeting at the school house. Had an excellent meeting, the spirit of God evidently seemed to be present in the meeting. Father being at the Corners this day at town meeting unexpectedly met with John A. J. Birdsall who we supposed at this time to be off on the briny deep. His coming was unexpected but may God grant that his coming amongst us at this time may be blessed by the salvation of his immortal soul. Board at Mr. Horton's.

5 Wednesday Attended a convert's prayer meeting at D. Benedict's.

6 Thursday Attended meeting at Deacon Blake's, remained over night.

7 Friday Went over to Mr. Bassett's to board.

8 Saturday Closed my school this day. Have had a good school this winter. Would that I could have done my duty by them better. Was mercifully protected by a merciful providence from an imminent danger.

9 Sunday Went down home with Catharine. Attended prayer meeting and sermon at the West - Bainbridge Chapel.

10 Monday Father drawed logs at the other place. He has hired John; he is to study when we do not wish him to work.

11 Tuesday Father and John cut and drawed wood to the door.

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expected to work enough
for his board besides.
Attended converts praver
meeting at Mr. Jones'. One
of the best I have attended.
11 th Tu. Father and John cut
and drawed wood to the door.
12th Wednesday. Father took load
of hay to the village. John
started for Otego. 13th Thur.
Father went to the village
with grain. 16th Fri. Went to
meeting at the West Corners
6 were baptised in our church
today and 10 at the Wilkin's
neighborhood. 17th Eve had a
prayer meeting of young persons at our house

18th Tu. Attemded Elder Parker's prayer
meeting at the Jones school house.
22nd Sat. Started on horse back
for Otego. Stopped at Mr. Beckwin's
to let them know that Mr. Nevel's
folks were sick. Went to Uncle
Wm. Birdsall's and staid over night.
Had an excellent visit with
him; sat up till past midnight.
Expenses for horse baiting &
refreshment 1/ 23rd. Fri. attended
meeting at the Car school house.
Uncle William preached an
excellent discourse from this
text,"Many are called but few
are chosen". After meeting went
to augustus' Shepherd's where L
terried over night. Fine clear weather.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft March 1851

24th Mo. Went down to the river to
see George Cole who I fear has
got to die soon with consumption.
Paid him $14.00 for the accordion.
Went over to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's &
stayed all night with cousin
Martin. Had a good visit with
Uncle Nathan. 25th Tu. Started
for home. Stopped at North Bainbridge
Paid 2/ for fixing watch. 1/ for
primers and $0.05 for horse baiting.
Road from the village home in 1½ hours.
26th. Wed. Went to the East Corners
got 5 lbs of nails for father.
Received a letter from J.R. Smith
well worth the money. 28th. Fri.
Mr. Smith plastered the bedroom and
clothes press. I boiled sap a
spell while Mr. Teachout worked here

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 21 yrs., Bainbridge, N.Y.

1851

March 1851 (continued)

29 Saturday Bainbridge with parents. Went over to the Corners to weekly prayer meeting. Had an excellent meeting. John A. J. Birdsall arrived here this night from Otego. Intends to stay here for a length of time now.

30 Sunday Went over to the Corners to meeting. One person baptized.

31 Monday Bainbridge with parents. Went with parents to the other place to clean the house. We yield possession after today.

April 1851

1 Tuesday Bainbridge with parents. 21 years. Father went down to South Bainbridge. John Wilkinson came up here and staid all night. Attended Elder Parker's meeting at the school house.

2 Wednesday Received of the trustees an order for the public money.

4 Friday Went down to Bainbridge, helped father get a load of hay for Mr. Moffet. Visited at Mr. Wilkinson's.

5 Saturday Went to covenant meeting. The best one I ever attended. Received $46.83 public money.

6 Sunday Attended meeting. One baptized.

8 Tuesday Mr. Hotchkiss came here to lay wall. Four of our cows have come in since Sunday.

10 Thursday Went down to Mr. Wilkinson's and staid over night. Mr. Hotchkiss worked here the eleventh.

11 Friday Went up to see John Lyon about spiritual communication. Mr. Hotchkiss here again.

12 Saturday Father, John, and Self went down to the other place. Gathered and scalded sap buckets.

1851

April 1851 (continued)

13 Sunday Went to meeting. Two sermons today.

15 Tuesday In Hotchkiss worked here. I worked with him in the am. Contracted our calf skins at 40 ¢ a piece. Received $1.00 in prepayment.

Uncertain date; dated Sunday the 20th, but this is unlikely. Mr. Hotchkiss worked here. Raised our stoop frame. A couple of men came here from South Bainbridge to set grafts, and I had Alphonse Roger's grey mare and went to Deacon Martin's.

19 Saturday Uncle William Birdsall and Aunt Harriett came down here.

20 Sunday Uncle William and self went down to South Bainbridge to meeting. He preached from Isaiah 53.

26 Saturday Remained at the deacon's till after dinner when I started with Frederick to go to New Ohio to see him inspect some teachers. Found the teachers at Col. Cowdry's.

27 Sunday Discussion of church service.

May 1851

2 Friday Bainbridge with parents. 21 years.
Mother, self and John started for the Butternuts. Cold rain. Arrived at Uncle William's at sundown.

4 Sunday Attended meeting at the Carr school house. Uncle William Birdsall preached. Witnessed Uncle William's baptism in the Pierce pond after which we enjoyed communion. Went to Aunt Margaret's from there to Uncle William Shepherd's, where we remained over night.

5 Monday Returned home where we arrived early supper time.

8 Thursday A man came here to put in a chain pump.
Coventry, Chenango County, N.Y.
30Friday Yesterday went to Oxford with father for a load oflime. Purchased 15 bu. at 2/ per bu. I bought three yards of brown cambrick at 9¢ per yard, 1 doz. button moulds at 3¢ and a couple buckles at 2¢. Also a spring top whip lash at 16¢. Father bought a half powder and shot forjohn, also a new kind of fish called Mackinaw trout.Father while at Harpursville purchased linen cloth for each of us a coat at 2/6 per yard. At Phillips' bought 3 yds. of cashmere for pants at 9/ per yd.

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27. Tue. Went down and got Catharine Merritt to come and make my clothes. Yesterday went up to the East corners and got them cut by the new tailor. Paid .50 for cutting coat and pantaloons.

28. Wed. In the P.M. took Catharine home as her mother could not spare her. She is to do the sewing at home. Father spent his time with Elder Parker tonight. Settled the Roberts difficulty with Elder Wilkins. We have got our corn and potatoes planted. We did not finish planting corn till the 26th commenced the 22 nd. It has been very rainey so far his season. Grass and grain look fine. We have no reason to complain although we have much reason to be thankful for an Almighty power rules over all, and what He does is right, although we poor shortsighted mortals cannot see it at the time. And often are led to murmur and repine at what often times proves to be our greatest blessings. Would to God that I might always submit to His will, for His tender mercies are over all of us and His kindness endures forever. If he chastizes us it is for our good we should so receive it. And what are light afflictions which are for but a moment as it were. to what he suf ered in the world for such sinful and depraved creatures as we are.

30. Fri. Father and John are engaged in making fence.

31 Sat. Attended Covenant meeting with father. Had a very good meeting. ?Father furnished Mrs. Horton with an opportunity of riding to meeting, also her daughter with a watch who is teaching a school. Father purchased paint and oil

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of J.D.Bancroft. Coventry,N.Y.
1851
June.

1. Father,John Almira and self went to meeting at the West Corners. (Sunday). John has been getting a new suit of clothes through out which he wore today for the first time. Had a communion season. Father had a professional call after meeting.
2. Mon. Went on horse back to Mr. Merritts and got my patalloons which have been making there and from there to Mr. Wilkinson's. John went with me down to Mr. Davis,sand got the wagon and harness and then home.
3. Tue, In the Am went to Mr. Chambelains and then to Victor Scott's. Father and John sewed oats over the creek, finished about 11 oclock. At ½ past 1 oclock started for Uncle Nathan Birdsall's, arrived just before sundown.
4. Wed. Received $40.00 from Uncle William Shepherd to pay father. Went to Franklin, returned one of the books I took from him to sell, paid him 0.62 for those I disposed of. Paid him 0.75 for Arthurs Home Gaxette which finnishes for paying for one year. Bought a book called the Railroad guid for 4/6. Bought a quire of letter paper for John Wilkinson for 2/ Paid Avery Northrup for braided top lash on my whip.
5 Thur. Called on George Coles and had quite a visit with him although he is unable to sit up, and from thence went back over to Uncle Nathan's and soon started for home.(½ past 10.) Went round by the Otego bridge o.06 toll. Stopped at North Bainbridge and paid 0.06 for a ½ pound of soda crackers. John C. Wilkinson debtor for 2/ paid by me for him. Arrived home about seven oclock. Found folks all well. Blessed be to God of all mercy and goodness. Oh. May I be fearless in the discharge of all duties I owe Him and to my fallen fellow creature.
6. Fri. Beautiful day. Father is helping Mr. Bailey hoe corn this pm. In the am they maid a corn harrow.
7 Sat. Mr. Bailey helped father mix morter this forenoon. In the pm. just as we had gotten ready to start to the West Corners to meeting, Uncle Henry came here bearing a letter from Aunt Roa Vanderbo statimg that grandmother was sick and not expected to live. Our folks set out almost immediately.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr, John D. Bancroft.
1851
June
11. Wed. Was taken sick this pm. Father and John worked
17. Tue. on the road.
Yesterday was the first day I have been out of the house. Last night Fred Holcomb called and paid $10.00, a five dollar bill on the Delaware Bank. Father is plastering the room over head.
19 Thur. Went up to the P.O. on horse back. It hurt me considerable to ride but I felt some better after it.
20. Fri. Went with father down to the other place.
21. Sat. Mother, self and baby started for Harpursville. Took dinner at Phillip Millius. Also made a call at Rufus Converse. Staid over night at Col. Cowdrey. There was a man there who had been to California who was now on his way back to St Louis with his wife, also Mr. Cowdrey's brother and his wife from Conn.
22. Sun. Went to New Ohio to attend the funeral of Mr. Eber Pratt. He died very suddenly after a sickness of only 6 hours. There was a very large attendance. Mr. Wise the Methodist Minister preached an excellent sermon. After meeting went down to Mr. Pearsall's where we took supper and from there went to N. Case's, a Mr. White and his wife from Columbia County were there.
23. Mon. Returned home, stopped at Mr. McFalin's, stopped at Mr. Hards, had 3 shoes set, took supper there. There come up a violent shower and we stopped at Lyman Wilkin's and staid till the shower was over.
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Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1851
June,
8 Sun. Malvina Briggs tended to our chores in the house last night and this morning about 11 oclock Daniel Merritt came and brought Catharine up here.
9. Mon. Our folks returned about sundown. Grandmother was dead before the letter got to us. The funeral h was held yesterday. Elder Wattles preached. She was 81 years old last April. She died as she had lived going about dping good, wholly regardless of personal ease and comfort.. She was cut fown like a shock of corn fully ripe. Her work was done and well done.
10 Tue. John went down to take Catharine home. Father is going to West Corners to take his butter over. Self wrote a letter to Nathaniel Pierce and one to Lydia Halloway.
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Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J,D,Bancroft June 1851

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Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (20 yrs)
1851
June
30. Mon. 4 oclock am, Providence willing, expect to start for New York. On the night of the 28th F. Holcomb called and paid up his note as agreed but did not pay the interest. There is still due .36 which I shall let father settle up with him.

Directions for trip.

Baptist Book Depository - Edward H. Fletcher
#141 Nassau St., N.Y.

1851
July
1. Started from home at 9 oclock with father for south Bainbridge. Henry Birdsall let father have $5.00 Father let me have $50.00 which made $55.00 with what I had previously makes $105.00. Started from South Bainbridge at 11 am., arrived at Deposit a little past 2 pm, fare 7/ Took the express at a quarter past 5 and arrived in N.Y. about mid night. Put up at Chamberlain's hotel. Paid 2/ for nights lodging.
2.Wed. Paid .15 for breakfast. Went to r.r. depot and secured my trunk and then took an Omnibus for Mr. Cranes arriving there at 8 am. Exchanged my magazines for two bound volumes, $1.50 is the difference I have to pay. J. C. Wilkinson debtor tp 5/ which I have to pay for his book. I am to pay 1/ a piece to have the books lettered. Started with Mr, and Mrs Crane for Tripler Hall where the commencement excersizes were held. Edward acquited himself very creditably. His parents much pleased. The Hall is the most madnificent building I have ever conceived of. It qas rather too large for this purpose, the speakers voices being rather indistinct. The speakers were showered by boguets by the ladies. Returned to the house at 2pm, spent the remainder of the pm at the lumber yard.
3 Thur. Forwarded my letter home this am. Purchased 2 pair of cotton socks for 2/9
4. Fri. Did not stir out much till pm. Then went dow n to the Battery, up to the park and then Rodes Cole's (Rhod house where I took supper. After Tea Rhodes went with me down to the park to see the fireworks which were splendid beyond description. The closing of the grand finale they displayed in letters of fire "Our Country Now and Forever" After which returned to Mr. Coles. Had an excellent nights rest.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (20)
1851
July 26 letter, .06 for bottle of whiskey, .07 for tea. Went down to Mr. Wilkinsons after returning home.
27. Sun. Has been for me a Sabbath poorly spent. Hope I may not spend another Sabbath so forgetful of the duty I owe my maker and Redeemer. John brought me up home. Furnished him with a July of Holden as a speciman with which to secure subscribers. Stopped a few minutes at singing school. Found on my return home that little Mary Catharine had been sick ever since I had been gone. Dangerously sick with the dysentery. Went over to Mr. Smiths and succeeded in getting Mary Ann to help.
28. Mon. Mary Catharine a little better, still very sick most of the morning. Cloudy but witnessed a portion of the eclipse. In pm. went to the village and got the horse shod and from there to John Storks (Stark's) where I succeeded in getting a girl.
29. Tue. Went up to the village after a firkin. Bought a worsted vest for which I paid 14/ Also 1 doz window fasteners for which I paid 1/6. Went to West Cprners where I bought some bordering for 0.01 a yard.
30. Wed. Called at Deacon Stoddards to see Elizah
Aug.
2. Sat. Went to the village and got shoe set and Wagon fixed.
3. Sun. Attended meeting at the Corners, Communion season. Eld. Parker preached at Wilkin's school, at 5 oclock. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength". Two pleasant days but looks like it would be rainey tomorrow. Oh; How insensible I am to the abundant ,mercies and goodness of God.
7. Thur. Edward P. Crane acconmpanied by his cousin, Ellen Crane of Fall River, Mass, arrived here about nooon.
8. Fri. Went with team to carry Edward and Ellen to North Bainbridge so that they could take the stage there for Schoharrie.
9. Sat. Completed our haying for the year which was com menced the 10th of July. Have had very little damaged Went to the village and had the wagon tongue altered. Got another firkin.
10 Sun. Attended meeting at the Corners.
11. Mon. Started with mother and sister to carry John to Uncle Nathan's. Arrived about supper time.
12. Tue. Very warm. Left Uncle Nathan's about the middle of the pm. Stopped at Mr. Stoddards and took tea. Mother is to remain over night. Paid Mr. Goddard $1.71 for father. Went down to Uncle Williams and staid over night.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft. (20 yrs)
Aug. 13. Wed. Went to Oneonta with Martin after Dr. Case for George M. Cole. Paid 9 pence for a bottle of beer. In pm visited a T. Smiths. Staid over night at Uncle Williams again.
14. Thur. Started for up the creek, called at Uncle Timothy's, Abner Ferry's and took supper at Aunt Margaret's, called at Augustus Shepherds and staid over night at Uncle Willoam Birdsall's.
15. Fri. Visited at Uncle Nathan's. In the pm. started for Mount Upton, Stopped at Gilbert'sville. Had a new shoe put on the horse, 2/ Drove from Gilbertsville to Mount Upton in 3/4 hour. Went about a mile above the village and staid pver night with D. Henderson. Sold Uncle William one vol. of Remington's Resons
15. Sat. Sold Mr. Henderson ditto, started for home about 11 am. Arrived home about 4 pm. Paid 9 pence turnpike toll, .10 for a pound of soda crackers. George Birdsall is going to live with us a while. John Wilkinson and mother came here to a visit but went back before we got home.
17. Sun. Went to meeting. Brought home a women who offers herself as an object of cherity; wishes to be got to Masonville.
18. Mon. Father has gone to carry her on her way. I went blackberrying. Father stopped at mill but did not get his grinding done. Mrs. Nevell bought Woodwards Youth's Cabinet
19. Tue. Father started for Oxford and the mill, accompanied by Uncle Henry and the hired girl, who mother does not wish to keep any longer. Father paid her at the rate of 7/ a week. I borrowed Mr. Bailey's craddle and cut our oats this side of the creek. at least those which were not lodged flat. Geprge reapt.
20. Wed. Father and George to work in the creek.
21 Thur. Went with mother down to Chauncey Hyde's. Went up to Lyon Settlement but did not find John home. Had green corn for dinner. Had a very good visit at Mr. Hydes. Did not succeed in doing anything in the line of business
22. Fri. John Lyon came here and spent the pm., subscribed for the family visitor for ½ a year for which he paid me 6/6
23 Sat. Wrote a letter to D.A,Woodworth enclosing $1.40 of which is to be credited to me for future deal. Also one to R. Sears enclosing one dollar. Of the first .40 and the latter .50 is to be credited to me.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D, Bancroft. (20 yrs)
1851
August
24. Sun. Went to the Corners (west) to meeting. Heard Eld Conover preach with whom Eld Parker had made an exchange.
25 Mon. H/P. Birdsall debtor to 7/ for "Providence Unfolded". Drawed in 2 loads of oats. Father went to North Bainbridge and bought a thermometer churn.
26. Tue. Did not get started from home till noon, obtained one subscriber to Woodworth's Cabinet at 7/. Went to Henry Pearsall's to stay over night.
27. Wed. In am started for Yale settlement. Did not find Eld. Seymour at home; but he returned about noon. ,Sold him a couple of marriage certificates at .02 a piece. Obtained a subscriber for the Youth Cabinet at Mark Yales by giving them a testament. Went to Chester Yales to stay over night. Have been prospered beyond my expectations. O; How much the Lord is to me than my deserts. Bless the Lord oh my soul and forget not all his benefits. Have cleared for my own today about 5/. Not much to be sure but still I hope I am in some measure thankful for this evidence of God's goodness
28. Thur. Finnished travelling through Yale Settlement and travelled through Fayette and Guilford Center to Mr. Burrows where I put up for the night. Visited Mr. Paschal, merchant in Fayette. Obtained another subscriber for the Family Visitor and one for the Christian Diadem. Alzina Smith, Rockdale and Luke Wheeler Fayette
29. Fri. Staid over night at the Burrows. Have been so foolish as to waste my time reading some nonsense again. Took dinner at Mr. Henderson's, Mt. Upton, Called on Elder Guy, Berlin, went to Mr. Harvey Bancroft to stay over night, found them to be very fine people according to appearance.
30 Sat. Called on Eld. Post at North New Berlin. Took dinner at Mr. David Coles, Edmeston, Arrived at Grandmothers about sun down
31 Sun. Attended meeeting at Waterville. In company with Ira and Berthier called on Leonard at noon, he attended meeting with us in the pm. A missionary of the Bethel Society gave a general description of the condition of the men and boys on the canals and inland waterways. Received a certificate from D. Bennett to be agent for the Register.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Son of Dr. John D. Bancroft, (20 yrs)
Sept. 1851

1. Wrote to D.A.Woodworth enclosing the names of two subscribers and $1.00,still due me in his hands .20; also a letter to Robert Sears enclosing $1,00 and one to T.R.Hatch, enclosing $1.00 for Christian Diadem, which makes him indebted to me to the amount of $.49
2. Tue. Rain. Did not get down to the village till after meeting had commenced. Had obtained an introduction to D. Bennett and Elder Hartshprn. Heard part of Eld. C.Graves Sermon and Eld. Carpenters. In the evening Elder Clark. All men of considerable talent, able to preach without notes. Have not had any success.
3. Wed. Yesterday was my 21 st birthday.
   Mailed my letters $1.00 Chemung Bank, Elmira to Sears, $1.00 of Union Bank Providence, R.I.; $1.00 Sullivan County Bank,N.Y. by Detro. Paid .08 for bunch of cord to fix wagon, paid .35 for postage stamps and .02 for toll; paid .15 for toll between Waterville and Plymouth. Started from Waterville at 10 min to 2 oclock arrived at Plymouth at 7 in time to hear another interesting discourse from Elder carpenter. Went up on the hill to stay over night, a distance of a little more than a mile. Elder Conover staid with me.
4. Thur. Went down to the meeting house and opened a book trade, but as there were three on the ground before me my chance of selling was rather small, only cleared about $3.50. Received 12/ for the Baotist Register. Bought a large testament with Psalms for 4/6 Went to Deacon Swaims to stay over night. Heard a Hamilton Agent and Elder Stone preach.
5 Fri. Deacon O. Swain agrees to take the 7.50 edition of Cobbin's Bible. Went down out the plank road toword Norwich to Brother Martins and got one shoe set. Paid him 2 tracts /6 a piece. Went to Mr. Cranes about half way between Smyrna and Earlville to stay over night
6. Sat. Sold "Willo am's Miss- for a gold pen and 1/ cash. Attended Covenant meeting with the church of West Brookfield, got to Grandmothers at about 6 pm, Ira went to West Brookfield and brought up Leonard and Arminda, to visit over Sunday.
7. Sun. Did not attend meeting any where, on account of visiting with leonard. Paid 3/ for hat brush, 5/ for fly net, 6/ for 2 ozs of turkey Red, paid 1/ for horse keeping. Paid D. Bennett one dollar for subscription to Register, reserving .50 for my services. Came as far as Clinton where we staid over night at Deacon Robinsons, visited College Hill.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft (21 yrs)
September 1851
9. Tue. Started early in the am. and drove to W_____
before breakfast, got back to grandmothers about ½ past
10 am. Paid .14 toll. Have only cleared $4.71
in 8 days. I have not worked all the while these
days. ?
10 Wed. Wrote a letter to Uncle Henry(Crane)at Boston
Went around to visit the hop girls and see the
bloomer dresses
11. Thur. Ira Bancroft debtor to 6/6 worth of books.
Presented Ann Eliza with a testament. Started about
noon for Burlington Green, paid 6/ toll.
12 Fri. Arrived at Elder J.J,Millers last night after
dark. Found him very low from the effects of a
fever. Concluded to stay with him till the morrow.
My horses neck is so lame I have concluded to get
to Uncle Williams as soon as possible. Rain.
13. Sat. Watched with the Elder last night. Started
for the Butternuts as soon as it was day light.
Arrived at my Uncles about 11 oclock am. My hand
is very lame with a boil
14. Sun. Went over to the Flax Island school bouse
with Uncle William to meeting. Sermon,-The Harvest
is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved".
Very cold wind so I suffered riding.
15.Mon. Received $1.50 from Uncle William for the
Register to be sent to Gilbertsville.
18. Thur. Concluded to get home as quick as I could
for I found more boils coming. Sold Uncle 2
Marriage Certificates and gave him one. Reached
home about supper time, expenses .15 Found
father had gone tp Otego, mother visiting at Mr.
Horton's
20 Sat. Went to Mr. S------ and borrowed a breast
collar harness. Went with mother to the West
Corners to prayer meeting. Received our border
paper from New York.
21.Sun. Elder Parker preached in am. to "Feed my Sheep"
In the pm heard the Rev. Mr. Hoyt preach a funeral
discpurse at the other House from these words,
"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth".
22. Mon. Father returned from Otego and Burlington.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft (21 yrs)
1851
November
1. Sat. Went with Leonard as far as where we leave the Turnpike. then footed from there to grandmothers. Found her better than I expected
2. Sunday. Did not get down in season to attend but one meeting on account of the rain.
3. Mon. Wrote a letter home and one to Uncle Henry, Boston,
4. Tue. Went to election a little while in pm. Received a letter from J.C.Wilkinson. Leonard was taken quite violently sick this pm, finally succeeded in getting him swesting. Doctor called in about 9 oclock, left him a powder which I think he vomited up almost immmed- ,iately, he promised to call again in the morning, Attended school last evening. Ground snow covered.
5. Wed. Sat up all night with Leonard. He is some better.
6. Thur. School.
8. Sat. Father, mother and sister arrived here a little after noon. They staid at David Owens last night. Father had a nice bandanna handkerchief worth a dollar and a mitten stolen from his wagon where he left his team over night. Went out with mother to trade. She traded some $10.00 worth at Candee and sons purchasing a new dress. I attended a singing school at the Baptist house
11. Tue. Yesterday sent father's teaspoons to Utica to be marked. Today received them back. Paid 3/ for marking. Wrote D. Bennett at Utica.
12. Wed. Grandmother and Eliza came down here. Grandmother is going to stay a few days, They say that our folks started for home this morning early. Got my boots tapped, .50 Paid .03 for ½ oz Cayenne pepper. Cash in hand this night $11.57
13. Thur. Ira came down here with his butter to go to Clinton. I went long with him to see Mr. Miner again. I am to have Broome County, to travel in if I conclude to go after I get home. Ira sold his butter, 5 tubs for a little over $10.00. Paid me $3.06 which makes us square. Attended school.
14. Fri. School.
15. Sat, Covenant meeting. Cold and Stormy. Purchased a wallet for .50
16. Sun. Attended meeting, Rev. Williams, Presbyterian minister exchanged with Elder kn am. In pm heard a colored Baptist minister from Canada
17. Mon. Went over to Uncle Roberts and got his horse and carriage and brought aunt Anna over here, then went with grandmother over to the milliners. School.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft, (21yrs)
1851,
November
18. Tue. Wrote a letter to H.D.Hovey. Received a reply from D. Bennett, receipt for the money and that the paper was sent.
19. Wed. Letter from home. Helped Leonard catch up with his posting.
20. Rhur. Letter to parents. Visited at Eld, Hartshorn in the pm. Attended prayer meeting in his house in evening. Last evening visited the Thompson's was entertained by music on the piano and by some beautiful singing.
21. Fri. Attended the closing school.
22 Sat. Visited the factory in company with Rosina. In evening went with Leonard to Mr. Eastman;s. Paid him $6.00 f r my tuition and for one of his works on book keeping.
23. Sun. Attended meeting. After that went up to the hill with Ira and Berthier,
24. Mon. Ira killed his hens to carry to the village. Foolishly kept awake about all night to visit as I have to ride all night tonight. Got down to the village about ½ past 3. Hadsome running about to do. Started about six. Fare to Earlville 4/ to Norwich 6/, to Oxford 3/, to home 4/ where I arrived about ½ past 10 am. Breakfast 2/ Wrote letter to A.G.Birdsall (A.J.G.Birdsall) the 22nd
25. Tue. ZHelped father about putting a syphon in the well, Did not succeed. Accomplished it today, Snowing fast.
26, Wed. Father has gone to the mill with the sleigh. Good sleighing
27. Thur. Thanksgiving day. Meeting at meeting house. Next year the Thanksgiving service will be held at the East Corners.
30. Sun. Attended meeting at the Corners. In the eve attended meeting in our school house. Father commenced delivery a series of essays upon the history ofnthe Bible.

W,. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr, J,D,Bancroft (21 yrs)
1851
December.
1. Mon. Butchered our large hog and a beef. Got $5.50 per cwt. for our pork.
4. Thur. Went down to Bainbridge with father and mother. Sold Mt. Hard a $7.50 bible, on father.s account. Sold 4 Almanacs for cash.
5 Fri. Went over to Mr. Chamberlain's to stay all night with Edwin. Sold one almanac.
6.Sat. Sold Mr. Horatio Andrus one testament on father's account; also one almanac and one Remington's Reason's for cash. Attended covenant meeting. One of the best I ever attended. The Spirit of God seemed to be present with the church. O; That I were worthy of such blessed seasons. Would that I could feel more love in my soul.
13.Sat. Attended meeting appointed for fasting and prayer. Three candidates told their experience and were received by the church as candidates for baptism. Purchased a pair of coarse boots at P.& F's. Durthe past week have written and dispatched letters to E.L.B., J.C.W, and G.R.V. Received one from F.B.Miner.
14. Sin. Attended meeting in the am. and witnessed the baptism of the three candidates. The man told an excellent experience as far as human judgement could tell. Old Mr. Conover was thrown from his carriage and dragged by his horses some distance on the frozen ground on his return home from meeting yeaterday, It is hoped that he is not seriously injured. In the midst of life we are at deaths door. Took supper at Gaines Parker's. Attended singing school at the West Corners in the eveing. Very cold.
15 Fri. Father purchased of a pedler a pattern of black broad cloth for $5.75 the price bing $3.00 a yard. He bought a figured green silk vest for me for $4.00 in bills as follows; 2, Phoenix bank, Bainbridge; 2, American exchange Bank, N.Y. City. Purchased cloth and trimming for coat at F.P's for $5.19 Obtained 2 subscribers for Woodworth's "Cabinet" (Youth's Cabimet). Mr. Hotchkiss has not paid. Sold one Almanac. Parents visited at Harry Smiths. L. Andruss and Burr Wilkins spent the evening here. Uncle Henry also came up here and staid a little while.
16. Attended singing school in the eve.
18 Thur. Obstained two subscribers for the Youth's Cabinet. Mother went with me to Mr. Hotchkiss's. Father came up to spend the evening. I attended the meeting of the Young Peoples Literary Circle. at the Rev. Mr. Smith's. Past a very pleasant evening. Received a letter from E.L.B. containing $2.00 as subscription money for a peper for him and a magazine for Miss R.J.K.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.B. (21yrs)
1851
December
19.Fri. Wrote a letter to F,S. Arthur enclosing $1.00 Rueben Oearsall paid for subscription to the Cabinet to be sent to Coventry. Alphonso Rogers debtor to one subscription for Cabinet. William Rogers debtor to 3/ shillings for cabinet, 4/ paid.
20. Sat. Threshed oats.
21. Sun. Parents attended meeting on the Corners. In the evening we went down to the school house expecting to hear Eld. Seymour but we were dissapointed but had a good meeting however.
22. Mon. Cleaned up 12 bu of oats. In the evening went to the East Corners and obtained one more subscriber to the Cabinet. Sent off the names of 7 subscribers. Also $4.00 in money which makes me square with Mr. Woodworth. George purchase a pluch cap for 6/ Lost a horse blanket worth $1.00.
23. Tue. Received $4.80 from Mr. Nevel, paying for 6 subscribers to the diadem. Gave him 2/ for his trubble It snowed enough last night to make it passable sleighing. But as it is light and it blows hard today it seems likely to pile up bad enough.
24. Wed. Made a mistake in my entry for the 23rd. Instead of 7 subscribers it should have been 8. I am therefore in debt to Mr. Woodworth for the value of one subscriber sent to him. $3.00 on the Putnam County Bank. One dollar on the Waterville Bank.
24. Wed. In the morning went up after Mr. Hotchkiss to come and help father butcher his pigs. He charges father 7/ for his two trips at butchering which, as it is the amount he owes me, father will assume the debt, and be responsible to me. Wrote to F.P. Hatch enclosing $4.00 in bills as follows; Phoenix Bank, Bainbridge; American Exchange Bank N.Y.
26.Thur. Started for the Butternuts accompamied by George. The roads were not very well beat and the snow was very light and made it quite hard travelling for the mare. It was very cold riding facing the wind. Horse baiting 0.03. Arrived at Uncle Williamd about 3 pm. Found them busyn with the clover cleaners. Uncle paid me 0.06 for Almanac. Left one to Uncle Nathan's.
26. Fri. Carried Aunt Susan down to H. Knapps, from thence to the Dodge School house where I spent the pm at Mr. Hunter's school. Took supper at Mr. Olmsteads, from thense in company with Mr. Hunter to Franklin. Put up at the Delaware house. Left Almanac to Uncle Nathan's.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (21yrs)
1851
December
26.Fri. Carried Aunt Susan Down to H. Knapps.
27.Sat, The coldest morning I ever experienced. The thermometer in some places stood at 32° below O. Spent most of the day visiting at Prof. Kerr's and amongst the students. Purchased a dozen postage stamps at .36 Hotel bill .50 Went to Uncle Nathan Birdsall's to stay over night.
28. Sun. Rains and thaws fast. Went over to Mr, Olmsteads and had a pleasant visit.
28. Mon. Had my horse shod at Mr. Baldwins. 3/ Had two coats cut at Mr. Helikers; i dozen coat buttons 1/6 Engaged G.H.Cole's wagon to return home, Went up to Uncle Nathan's and staid over night. Found Alda quite sick; unable to come home with me.
30. Tue. Went to Gilbertsville and spent the am, at the Academy. Took dinner at Mr. Converses. Horse baiting .06 Got home about 8 pm. Found mother quite unwell. Harriett Sanders was doing the work for us.
31. Wed. Rain. Went to P.O. found to specimen numbers of Woodworth's Younths Cabinet. Father went to Mr. Derby's.

Account of Cash Borrowed of J.D.Bancroft since Sept. 24 1852

1852							
Sept. 24	Recd. from J.D.B for for E. Patrick		$50.				
Sept 25	" " "		50	Sept.25	Paid J.D.B.		$50
				Nov. 15	"	"	20
1853 Mar.20	Rec'd of J.D.B.		125	Dec. 9	lent	"	50
Apr. 8	"	"	200	1853			
" 25			100	Jan 20	paid	"	7.
May 10	"	"	50	May 5	"	" Note	155.
June 15	"	"	200	" 30	"	"	" 200.
Aug.10	"	"	1	Aug. 20	"	"	2.26
Oct. 31	"	"	230	" 30	"	"	50.
Nov. 11	"	"	33	Sep.13	"	"	50.
1854				Nov. 5	"	"	85.32
Jan. 4	"	"	87.	11	"	"	14.50
Mar.18	"	"	3.	1854			
May 8	"	"	20.	Feb. 17	lent J.D.B		15.
	Prin & Int. on note		41.50				
	"	"	17.	Mar. 13	Paid	J.D.B	23.
				" "	"	"	3.00
				" 27	"	"	100.
				Apr. 19	"	"	50.
			1207.96		"	"	875.08
1854	Brought forward		1207.96		"	"	875.08
Nov.26	Recd from J.D.B.		100.00	May 22	"	"	50.00
" "	"	"	3.02	26	"	"	30.00
" "	"	"	30.00	Jun 6	"	"	57.00
Dec.25	"	"	25.00	14	"	"	100.00
Feb.26	"	"	150.00	Sept 28	"	"	5.00
Mar. 10	"	"	100.00	" "	"	"	1.00
May 1	"	"	650.00	Oct. 7	"	"	100.00
			2265.98	21	"	"	24.00
				22	"	"	3.02
				Nov.27	"	"	11.00
				Dec. 2	"	"	104.08
				Feb. 7	"	"	50.00
				Mar. 3	"	"	3.00
				May.10	"	"	50.00
				31	"	"	51.18
				" "	"	"	100.00
				June 1	note to balance		606.62
					total		2265.98

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 21, s. of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft.

1 Thur."Helped father work in the creek to clear the ice. Paid Miss Sanders for mother."

2 Fri."Father went with Mr. Bailey to Rockdale. Chopped wood."

3 Sat."Uncle William Shepherd and Aunt Tacy came here just in time to deprive us of the privilege of attending Covenant meeting. They staid till about night and then statted for Bennettsville. Woodard Warren came here to make a survey for our house lot. Chopped wood at the door."

4 E." Attended meeting. Enjoyed communion season with the church. Received of R. Pearsall $1.00 to pay for subscription to "Cabinet" and for Reminton's Reasons for Close Communion. Called on H. Hendrick and stayed to Singing school."

5 Mon."Elder Seymour staid here over night. Went to the village and got a shoe set. Uncle Henry came here and settled with with father."

6 Tue."Started with father and mother for East Green to attend the Ministerial Conference. Arrived there about ½ past 10. Was very much interested in their essays and discussions. Went to Mr. Horton, an old acqaaintance of mother's and Uncle Oscar's, to stay over night. Found them well informed people The young people all professedly pius."

7 Wed."Attended the Seminary meeting of our Association. Father made arrangements for making me a life member of the Bible Union, a society that has in contemplation the getting up of a translation of the scriptures to be as near perfect as poss= ible. Am to furnish Elder A. Guy of South New Berlin with 1 doz each of Reminton's works and 2 doz Articles of Faith. The minister at E. Green also wishes a couple doz Remingtons. After meeting went to James Martin's

8 Thur."Father purchased a whip lash 1/6. Stopped at the Corners and got my new singing book the Cantica Laudis. Got home a little after noon."

9 Fri."Snow enough to make tolerable sleighing. Started in George M. Coles wagon for Otego. Paid 1/8 hotel bill. Paid 50¢ as commute for the coming year. Got to Otego about dark. Changed the wagon for the cutter and after supper and horse feeding at Uncle Williams started for Uncle H. P's. Where I arrived about 9 oclock after a hard days work for self and horse

10 Sat."Started for home. Alda P. accompanied me for the purposs of doing some sewing for us. Arrived home about ½ past 3 pm.

11 E."Attended meeting at the corners, singing school in eve."

12 Cold and blustering."

13 Tue."Cut wood and wrote letters. Father went down to old place and got a bin." He purchased 62 bu. of oats of A. Rogers at $30. (.30) R. Chamberlain and wife came.

14 Wed."Parents went to Elder Parker's donation visit. Father gave $1.00. In the evening went my self with cousin Alda. Received of W. Rogers 3/5 to balance acct."

15 Thur."Went with Cousin Alda to Gaines Parker's to attend a meeting of he Literary Circle. Was well paid for going. Heard an excellent paper read (the paper is called the Ossolian Wreath)

20 Tue."Went over to Rueben Fosbury's and contracted to furnish them with a dozen psalmists. Went up to the meeting house with a load of wood. Carried Elder Parker one bu. of dried apples. In the evening went to East Corners and attended a consert of Indian singers. Paid 2/ for the admittance of self and George. John A. J. Birdsall came here tonight."

21 Wed."Drawed two loads of wood from over the creek, John helped. Father is quite unwell. In the pm went with John to Mr. Miners school."

22 Thur."Went with John visitng the school where I taught last winter, now taught by a Mister Smith. Went with a load down to singing school."

23 Fri."Ldnt father $10. to buy a book for mother. Uncle Henry came up here in the eve.

24 Sat."Went to the mill at South Bainbridge and found it and found it frozen up. Went to Mr. Wooley's and had a pair of pants cut. Brought home our little cutter from Mr. Barstow's

25 D. Attend d meeting at the Corners in the daytime and in the eve at the school house."

26 Mon."Father started to carry Alda home. Also to go to Cooperstown. Helped mother about washing."

27 Tue,"Went down to J. Lyons School and spent most of the day with him. In the eve met with some of the young people at Rufus Converses. Had a pleasant time."

28 Wed."Went up to West C. Left a speciman of Harpers with Mr. Hendrick. Bought of G.D.Philips and sons 3/4 yd of cotton Jayne for 9¢."

29 Thur."J.D.Bancroft dr to $1.00 for Mayo 's subscription to Cabinet. Obtained my package of books from Mr. Rogers. Took one dozen Psalmists to West Bainbridge. Received of Reuben Fosbury $3.50 and a half dozen of the Christian Psalmists, at 20/5. Took the Christian Psalmists up to Deacon Stoddards and put them in the charge of Lewis to be sold to the choir. Left my pants at Harry Smiths to be made . Attended society meeting at E.P.Waters Esq. Am appointed editor of the Ossolian Wreath for the next meeting. Gaines Parker dr to 6/ for the Cabinet.

31 Sat."Mr. and Mrs. Nevel and Miss Hard visited. Father returned. Samuel Hendrix came here to stay over night.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 21, father of William Demarest and Clark Hobart Bancroft.

1 D."Attended Society at Coventry. Enjoyed a Communion Season. In the evening heard father lecture at the school house."

2 Mon."Went with father down to the old place and helped him load a load of boards to draw to North Bainbridge. Silas Wilkins subscribed to the Cabinet."

3 Tue."Helped mother about her washing. Father went down and traded horses with Mr. Hard. He got $5.00 boot money."

4 Wed.""Drawed 6 loads of wood to the house and one to the sap works."

5 Thur."Drawed three loads to the house. Mother visited at the Uri Benedict's. Uncle Henry staid here over night."

Book Sales

1851 After July

Remington'd Reasons	#9	@ 8¢
Rwland Hill	1	87
Hagues Com. Acts.	7	37½
Providence Unfolded	1	88
Christian Church.	2	06
Testiment	3	10
Burman Apostle	1	50
Dowling's Hymns	4	31
Wheelock	11	04
Bapotism in Infants.	3	06
Testasment, New Translation	13	56
/Clasp bible	1	87
Commentary of John	2	37
Tracts	10	12½
Psalmist	32	56
Life of Juson	1	20
Marriage Certificate	14	2
Wklliams Mkscillanies	1	187
Cobbin's bible	1	

5 attended a meeting of the sons of Temperance. Lecture by Rev. Mc Allen of Deposit. at West Corners."

6 Fri/"Parents went to see Mr. Winston's farm in Greene. Purchased of James Burrow's a safety cord."

7 Sat."Mr. Winston's brother came here."

8 Sun."Attended meetings at the Corners accompanied by mother and George. Went to Gaines Parkers and went to Singing school.

9 Mon."Father traded Sleighs with Mr. Bailey. Brought up from the other place some sap buckets and his chaldron kettle. In the pm He in company with Mrs. Bailey ~~+++~~ Beatman sent down to Greene."

10 Tue."Went p to Corners and bought hal yard of ribbon. Gave 1/ for oil to the lamps in the meeting house."

11 Wed."Mothee washed today the first she has felt well enough to do this week.

12 Thur,"Attended Sociaety meeting at Victor Scotts. Quite an assembly there.

13 Fri."Had my hair cut by Esq. Pearsall. Parents visited at H. Briggs."

14 Sat."Went with father to Pagebrook to see our new place. Like the looks of the bouse pretty well. Called at N. Miners in evening."

15 Sun."Attendid meeting at the Corners and at the school house in the evening

16 Mon."Helped mother about washing. Attended the meeting of the Circle at A. Blakes."

17 Tue."Parents went to Banbridge. Wilkam Chamberlain came here in the Am. In the pm visited Mr Smith's school. Called at Mr. Sawdey's. In the evening several callers."

18 Wed."Mr. Smith and Chamberlain staid here over night.

19 Thur."Visited at R. Chamberlain's with mother. In the evening attended the closing singing school at the school house

20 Fri."In company with Mr. William Chamberlain started for Colesville. Left my cutter at Harlow Andrew's and obtained his wagon to go the rounds. Took dinner at Mr. Posts, Southb Bainbridge. Called at Fred Martins school on the Hill. After school went with him to his father in laws, Amassa Tyrel's, where we remained for the night.Attended meeting in the eve at the school house

21 Sat. Called at Deacon S. Martins and at Harry's. In the evening went over to Harpursville. Attended a singing school at the Baptist House. Obtained the names of some business firms in New York from Mr. Olendorf

22 D."Attended meeting at the Baptist house. After which we started for Coventry. Attended singing school."

23 Mon."Took the wagon home. aim to give him a subscription to the Northern Farmer for one year."

24 Tue."Father And self started for Greene by the way of East Greene. Eld Gibson dr to 24 Remington Reason's. Took dinner at the Chenango House, Greene, after looking round the village some time we started for Esq. Wilcox's. The Esq. lives about 4 miles below the village. We went down on the ice in the canal

25."Wed."Thaws very fast. Started from Greene about 11 oclock. Had to walk a good share of the way home. Gaines Patker and w

William Oscar Bancroft, 21, s. of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft.

1 Mon."Parents returned from Harpursville. Father quite unwell."

2 Tue."Attended Town Meeting, Voted for Whig Supervisor on account of his being a Temperance man."

3 Wed."Mr "Sawdey has our carriage to go to Hamilton to see his father who is at the point of death. The Whig supervisor was elected by a 53 majority, which speaks wwell for the Temperance principles of the inhabitants of this town."

4 Thur."Father went down to see Mr. Wilcox's farm. Mary was taken quite s ick last night. (Mary Catharine Bancroft.)

5 Fri."Mary a good deal worse

6 Sat."Went over to Mr. Smith's and got Mary Ann. (to help) Attended Covenant meeting, O! that I had more of the Christian spirit. Mary still dangerously sick."

7 Lords day."Dispaired of her life last night. This pm she seems a little better and we again have hopes. Went up to Ira Benedict's and got Rebecca to come and work for us. Yesterday paid my subscri tion to Mr. Allen for building fires at the church

8 Mon." My sister mucb better. Father went to the old place and sold his sap buckets."

9 Tue."Carried around the sap buckets for Mr Holcomb."

10 Wed."Father started for Harpursville."

11 Thur."father returned. He has purchased Luther Badgers farm, Harpursville for $4,350.00. 100 Acres of land with excellent buildings. Am very much pleased with the prospect of living in Harpursville once more. May the God of Mercy grant that we may not be disaapointed in our anticipations of comfort and h happiness, but may not place our expectations too high in this life and may we look forward to a state of perfect happiness in the world to come."

12 Fri."Last night sister was so much better that we all went to bed for the first time within a week. The Lord be praised for his goodness to us. Geroge returned from Otego."

13 Sat."Has some new maple sweet for the first time this season, Father went to arbitrate the suit between Bailey abd Wiley. Commenced packing."

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15 Mon."Attended Railroad meeting at the west, heard some good speaking. The directors did not have much success in this town, only obtaining one stock holder."

16 Tue."Obtained Victor Scott's name as a subscriber to 'The Northern Farmer'. secured a copy of the peem written by Miss Mary A. Waters on the death of the Indian singer who was killed in the late R.R. accident. at Deposit.

17 Wed."Went down to Wwest Bainbridge. Got throwed by my horse by the breaking of my saddle girth. Letter from H. D. Hovey."

19 Fri."Father went down to West Baimbridge to settle up with Mr. Hafd and Camp. Mr. Wilkinson came up here and staid all night

20 Sat."Had some blacksmithing done at Mayo's."

21 Sun."Attended meetings at the corners. Very rough going."

22 Mon."Father went down to Harpursville with a sleigh load and left his sleigh.

23 Tue."Father and mother went down to Harpursville to see about purchasing some furniture. I took care of sister. Elder Parker and family came to visit.

24.'Loaded up both of our cutters and father and self srarted fo Harpursville. Father purchased $150.00 of furniture of Esqire Badger for which he gave three notes. He also purchase window shades and stair rods."

25 Thur."Drawed about 1100 hwt of hay from Bailey's barn and he is to have the rest at $6.ol pef ton. He has paid $5, cash. Let us have some sugvar. Loaded up some goods to take to Harpursville, and father just got started with it when Mr Stoddard over took him and brought him back. He ut his load in Mr. Holcomb's barn. He staid at Mr. Stoddard's all night and the greater part of the next day for which job he got $3.0 (Obstetrical case)

26 Fri."Went with the load down to Harpursville. Had to come back in the rain and at night.

27 Sat." Geroge came back from Lisle. Packed goods."

28 C "Went with mother to the Corners to meeting. Heard 2 excel sermons/

29 Mon."Father went down to Greene and sold his Pagebrook farm for $1,000.00. Went over to West Bainbridge, recieved $1.00 ftom R. Fosbury for large Psalmist

30."Tue."Father went down to Harpursville with a load, very stormy and he had a hard time getting back

31 Wed."Mr Winston came on notwithstanding the inclement weather. Went to Mr. Sawdrey's and staid all night. Loaded up Ira Benedict's wagon. Went over to Mr. chamberlains and engaged him to come ijn the morning."

Wm. Osvar Bancroft, 21 years, s n of the prospeeous physician.

1 Thur."George and Self drove down the stock. Father bought a couple of pigs of H.A.Olendorf."

2 Fri."Snowed last night. Father went up to Coventry with a sleigh and brought down the hens." Load of goods

3 Sat."Let father have $2.00 to make up his $100. to Badger.

4 C. Heard 2 sermons from Elder Leach at the Baptist Meeting H House.

154 5 Mon, George started for O. Badger's, Lisle, where he has hired out for six months. Attended at the Episcopal church the funeral of Chauncey Blakeslees eldest son age 14 yrs. Disease Malignant Scarletina.
6 Tue."Paid a quarters postage 10¢ on the Register. Purchzsed ¼ pound of sulfur at 3¢ pe/ pound.
7 Wed."Cleaned up 2 bu. of wheat and father went down to the mill. In pm went to Orson March's and got 1418 pounds of hay.
8 Father went to mill again. Fixed and hanged gate.
9 Fr."Father started for C. Let him have 1/ (12½¢) to pay toll On the last day of March recieved on Uncle Henry one dozen ½ost= age stamps for which I paid him 36¢. cut wood at door.
10 Sat."Put up some fence. Father eeturned from C. with a load. Has conracted his butter for 15¢. Tubs found.
11 Sun. I attended meeting and singing school at the meeting house. Pleasant day.
12 Mon."Got another load of hay at Orson Mash's
13 Tue."Father paid 10¢ postage for me on/ Arhturs Home Gazette. Father and self put up fence on the creek road. Henry came here to stay all night.
14 Wed."Sat up all night with John Crawford who with his wife are very sick with fever. Father started in Mr. Mudges Gig to see about a $10.00 counterfeit bill which he thinks he received there Purchased a tin dipper for which I paid 18¢
15 Thur."Rained steadily all day.
16 Fri."Father returned from Green. Did not succeed in returning his bill which he must lose. Let Mr. Williams have some Maple sugar. Father paid the remaining $300.00 which completes the $1000 payment
17 Sat."Went up to Mr. Judd's to get a load of hay. Horses ran out of the barn with the load of hay, spilled it off breaking one of the whiffletrees. We loaded up again and got out into the road when they ran away again, throwing father off alomst imediately and scattering the hay all along the road.
Bought 4 lbs of sugar at 1/ and a ½ lb of tea at 6/. Eld. Seymour and Leach and their wives and Mrs. Esq. Badger visited. Father paid the Esq. $10.00 for the counterfiet bill.
18 Lords day.'Subscribed to the Macedonian. Church am and Pm at the Martin School house. Took Mrs. Guy."
19."Father went to Sylvester Wilcox's"
23 Fri."Cousin John came from Franklin."
24 Sat."Went with John to Centervillage to see Mr. Barnes.
26 Mon."commenced hauling out manure.27
27 Tue."
30 Fri."Had Tyrrells wagon hauling out manure."

Wm/ Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (21yrs)
Books sold after July 11, 1851.

12	Remington's Reasons for Close Communion	.96
1	Rowland Hill	.87
10	Hagues Commentary	3.10
1	Providence Unfolded	.88
3	The Christian Church	.18
12	Testaments	1.20
2	Burman Apostle	1.50
4	Dowlings Hymns	1.21
17	Wheelock	.68
5	Baptism in impot.	.30
2	Testament, New Translation	1.12
1	Clasp bible	.87
33	Psalmist	16.50
1	Commentary on Acts	.31
1	Commentary on John	.37
1	Dowlings Hymns	.31
12	Teacts	4.44
1	Life of Judsan	.20
22	Marriage Certificates	5.00
½	quire of church blanks	.25
1	Williams Misc.	1.87
1	Baptism pulpit	1.25
1	Cobbins bible	7.50
10	Alminacks	.60
1	Cobbins bible (gilt)	10.50
12	Bibles	7.50
1	Tuck bible	.69
1	Articles of Faith	.02
		70.18

Total business from July 11, 1851 to Aug 13 1852
The cost of this operation can scarcely be figured because he more frequently than not staid with relatives for meals, lodging and horse baiting.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
1852 (22yrs.)
25 Sept. Sold to George Wilcox vest pattern and trimmings as follows.

vest pattern	9/
3/4 yds of Wiggam	1/
3/4 " cambric	1/
1 yd white "	8 cents
7/12 doz, buttons	8 "
1 spool	6 "
3/4 yd. Twist	4 "
2 yds Silks	8 "
1 Sheet wadding	6 "

Coats Patterns and trimmings for dress and frock coat.
Breast37"
2 yds broad cloth, 3/4 yard ----double, Dress.
2¼ " " " " " ----- " , Frock
1 yd, 3/4 yd wide lining if half lined
1¼ " " " Sleeve lining.
1 Yd..Canvas, one sheet wadding, 4 small buttons,
3/4 yd padding 12 large & 4 small buttons
3/4 yds Silicia for pockets 1 spool
½ yd for sleeve and 3/4 for pockets.

Pantaloons for P. Hurlburt,

2 3/4 yds of French Casimere @ 10/	$3.44
3/4 yd Twist /4	.08
2 Silks	.08
Coats thread	.10

Linen thread sells at (#40) 5 cents a hank
2 hanks equals 1 oz #39 sells at 8 cents an oz.
Zephyr Worstead 1 cent a skein.

Drugs and medicine

Soda	Cream of Tartar
Gum Arabic	Refined Liquorice
Rhei Pulvis	Carb. Magnesia
" Root	H. Cayenne
Annato	Cudbear
Cochineal	Vitriol
Snuff	Powder
Putty	Cinnamon
Madder.	

Cotton Goods
Groceries,
Hardware.

Fine Broadcloth Coat and trimmings

2 yds kf broadcloth
3/4 yd padding
1 yd canvas
1¼ yds serge
1 3/4 yd selecia
5 yds of silks
1¼ yds twist
1 doz buttons
½ doz buttons
3 sheet of wad.
1 hank of thread

Pants
2 3/4 yds Casimere
2½ yds of sheetings
½ yd of canvass
2 yds silks
1 yd twist.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft (21 yrs)

17 Sat. Went up to Mr.. Judd's to get a load of hay. Horses ran out of the barn with the load of hay, spilling it off and breaking one of the whiffle trees. We loaded up again and got out in the road when they ran away again, throwing father off almost immediately and scattering the haynall along the road. Providentially there was no damage done to the horses or wagon and father escaped with slight injury. Mr. Judd's hired man came with his oxen and helped me get the hay. There was 854 lbs of what was weighed. Bought J. Stow 4 lbs of white sugar. Elders Seymour & Leach with there wives and Esq. and Mrs. Badger visited here. Father paid the Esq. for the counterfeit.
18 Sun. Father paid Eld Leach 1/8 for the Macedonian one year. Heard Eld Seymour in the am. and Eld Leach in the pm. Went over to the Martin School house to meet with Miss Amie Guy. Have enjoyed a blessed opportunity today, Oh; that I might profit more by it.
19 Mon. Had 2 shoes set at T. Tyrrells. Father has a call to Sylvester Wilcox's.
22 Thur. Took our team and Mr. Tyrrell's wagon and went with our choir up tom Sylvester Wilcox's to attend the funeral of his son.
23 Fri. Cousin John came here from Franklin/
24 Sat. Went with John down to Center Village to see Mr. Barnes.
25 Sun. Gave 2/ for home missions.
26 Mon. Commenced getting out manure.
30 Fri.Had Mr. Tyrrells wagon to get out manure with so we could keep the team going all the time

May 1852
1. Sat. Parents, Almira and Mary Catharine started for Otego leaving me to keep the house alone. Betsey C Chaffee comes to take care of the milk.
3. Mon. Parents returned. Wrote a letter to G. R, Vosbury
6. Thur. Sewed hay chaff and plaster on meadow, plowed garden.
7 Fri. Father went to Binghamton. I went to South Bainbridge with G. Nevel.
8.Sat. Attended Covenant meeting. Had a good one. There seeming to be some bright gleams thru the clouds.
9. Sun. Communion season. There were four admitted to the church yesterday by letter.
10. Mon. Mr. Fried plowing on the side hill with a side hill plow, did not make out very much not having a sufficient team. Commenced pasturing O. Williams cow at 2/ per week.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, Son of Dr. J.D Bancroft

11 Tue. Father has gone to look up a team for plowing. Had a call from the Methodist Minister by the name of Round. He married one of mother's old friends, his wife and sister accompanied him. Hindered us all the forenoon nearly. Stopped foddering our horned cattle. Bought of H. A, Ollendorf on account, one straw hat for Mary C. for /6. 2½ yds of ribbon for trim at /6, One pair of lace boots for Mary 1/ 3¼ yds of ticking for self 3/10
Bought of E. Patrick 4 papers garden seed 1/4

18. Tue. Dragged on corn ground and worked in garden. Planted corn and beans and sewed onions. In the evening went to G.B.Clarks for a sing. Received a letter from E.L.B.

19 Wed. Wrote a letter to Martin Shepherd. Father sold the Two Badger cows for $54.00 cash. Drawed out one load of manure and broke his wagon and neck yolk. Mother carried 4 dox eggs to H. A. Olendorf. Bought a half pound of black tee at 6/

20 Thur. Father was called in the night to go to C. Holcomb's, 6 miles.

21 Fri. Commenced fattening veal. Father returned this morning, having been away one day and two nights. Mr. Hard staid here last night. Mr. McFarland came here this morning to work for us/ Uncle Henry brought 7 bu. of potatoes here for Harry Martin. Paid him 7/ per Bu for Harrry Martin. G ot out 21 loads of manure

22. Sat. Mr. McFarland helped us again, playnted our corn and potatoes in the field. Received a letter from H.C.Hendrick.

23 Sun. Attended meeting, was appointed Assistant Superintendant. Oh; That I was fitted for the work.

24. Mon. Mr. McFarlan helped us again, drawed out manure and built fence. Rece ved 21/ from Harry Martin for potatoes. per H.P.Birdsall.

25 Tu. Had 2 shoes set at Tyrells. Fixed wagon. To sing at Patricks.

26Wed. Started about 7 am for Binghamton in company with mother and Mrs. O. Williams, arriving ¼ before 11 oclock put out team at Way's hotel. Purchased at Wilson's for cash

20 yds of window drapers @ 1/6		$3.75
20 " curtain calico @ 0.09		1.80
2 Spools of thread	@ 0.04	.08
1 black lace veil		1.25
1 Yd bleached muslin		.12
		7.00

Wm. Osacr Bancroft, diary. Harpursville, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
3."John Wilkinson visited.. Took him about village. Teachers m meeting.
4."To Coventry with mother and baby. Tea at Roberts. Over night at R. Chamberlains. $1.00 from Wilkinson for book."
5 Sat."Covenant meeting. Received of Pearsol for father $16.44 of G. D. Phillips and sons $19.20 of Church $1.00 Deland 9/5 Bought imitation Panama hat of C.D. Phillips and sons. Received from William church $108.00 for father.
7 Mon."Bought pocket knife of J.B.Merwin and Co. Recieved a personal mortgage of C,E Phillips to be recorded at the Town clerk's office.
8 Tue."With Eld Leach started for Broome=Tioga Association. Called on Lumin Cooley. Arrived Owego. staid in Stephen Truman home."
9 Wed."Owego to Tioga center. Crossed the river and went to the home of H. Demarest." John H Demarest
10 Thur."Express ttain to Owego. Joined the Eld and drove to Owego.
11 Fri."Home by way of Richford. Reached Lile at noon (Lisle). Stopped at Oliver Badger's. Then home by Chenango forks.
12 Sat."With Parents to the Martin School house for Covenant meeting.
13 Lords day. Funeral of Mrs. Pierse. Presented our letter to the church. Appointed delegate to the association."
14 Mon."Visited S. Wilcox. got some pigs.
16 Wed."To Uncle Henry's farm Yearlings doing well. Bought a barrel of flour $4.85
17 hur."With mother and alvira went to Trianle. Visited Lewis Tyrrell and exchanged harness. At Walt Badger's for dinner. Arrived at C. Badger's at 5 pm."
18 Fri."Visited F. Bersley. Evening to Upper Lisle to see spiritual manifestation. No good in it. Shoking blasphemy.
19 Sat."Left Almira to stay with Aunt through summer. Visited William Cowdery. Home at 8 pm.
21 Mon."Auction E. Patrick store. Sick head ache."
22 Wed."Visited G. W. Vosburg.
23 Wed."Went to Franklin Baptist Association at Bennetsville with parent s and Lucy Morrison. Over night at Benjamin Bennetts She was Emily Shepherd of Otego.
24 Thur."Sold books $1.55 Tea at Arnold Bennetts. Returned home. Teachers meeting at Leak's.
26 Sat."Eld Bourne and Owen stayed over night. I went to Nin eveh.
27 Sun."Church am & pm.
28 Mon."To Franklin with Frank Edgerton and his sister and brother. Over night at H, Edgerton's hotel. Heard Missionary.
29 Tue."Attended examinations at the academy. In evening attended rehearsal of Coloquy. Lecture at the old church be= fore the Adelphian Soc.
3o Wed."Procession formed by Delhi brass band. Marched around square to booth. Speeches very good. After the Academy excer= sizes went to Uncle Nathan's"

162 Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville, son of J.D.Bancroft.
1 Thur,"Returned home from Uncle Nathan's.
2 Fri."Visit with Cousin John A. G. Birdsall. from New Haven. With mother to West Bainbridge to funeral of Mrs. Jesse Merritt. Tea at G. Merrills. Sick head ache."
4 Sun."Meeting an am. IN pm funeral of truesdale child."
5 Mon."Team and Tyrrells big wagon to take committee to picnic ground near Lovejoys mills. celebrated Independence."
6 Wed."Bought summer pants of E. Patrick. Hired man to work at haying for $1.00 a day.
7 Thur."Plowed out potatoes. Judge Timothy Ruggles whok has bought the Judge Allen property has lately had two more of his daughters married. Rowena to Leverett Barnes and Elizabeth to Edward the son of Robert Harper. Amelia has been married two years to an Episcopal priest.
8 Fri. father to Coventry
9 Sat."Paid on school tax." Covenant meeting.
10 Sun." Church, S.S. and Communion. Sold testamebts and psalms
12 Mon."Plowed corn for self and Williams. Catharine left us tonight to go to Mr. Harpers for three days."
13 Tue."Wagon to G. Tyrrell's to fix. Letter to B.D.Bancroft.
14 Wed."Bill Alexander butchered calf. Picked berries.
15 Thur."Mowed the front yard. Teacher's meeting (S.S.) at our house.
16 Fri."Took Eld. to Deposit to get his horse. Saw a Franklin acquaintance. Bought Whorle berries.
17 Sat."Went berrying. Drew in hay from front yard.
18 Sun."To meeting."
19 Mon." Cut and drew two loads of hay.
20 Tue."Cut and drew two loads of hay. Sing at our house.
21 Wed. A. Vosburg worked for us."
22.Thur."A & Gh. Vosburg worked for us
23 Fri."Letter to E.L.Bancroft. Enos Leonard B.
24 Sat."Bought razor of I.B.Erwin.
25 Lords day."Went to New Obio to attend Methodist quarterly meeting
26 Mon."
27 Tue."Williams worked for us, Mowed in the meadow on the hill The grass is of excellen quality but light and the ground is covered with stumps and stone heaps so that we do not get more than half that we should from such a piece of ground.
28 Wed."J.O.Williams worked for us again. I mowed with the hands, this being the first moving of consequence I have done this year. Very difficult getting the hay, the ground being very rough.
29 Thur."Drawed in the remaining load of hay. Last Monday self and mother went to sylvanus Wilcox's and picked 14 quarts of cherries.
30."Went to Bennettsville with Eld. Leach's horse and wagon to carry a letter for him to Eld Robertson,

in 1852, William Oscar Bancroft wrote in reply to a request for money by Mr. Arnold,"In reference to a loan of money father regrets his inability to accomodate you. In parting with this place he did not receive any money. He obtained that small place on Page brook and a mortgage on the adjoining 100 acres. The rest of his available funds he is under the necessity of using himself". Oscar Bancroft.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, age 22, Son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.
8 Sun."In the Am heard a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Barlow of Port Jervis. An excellen discourse. His theme being , prayer. In the evening no services on account of communion on the Hill. Had an interesting Sabbath school, Mr. Barlow making some very pleasing and instructive remarks to the children. Recieved 60¢ subscription money from subscribers to Youth Penny Gazette. Cousin Martin and Charles Shepherd called here and took tea on their way from Binghamton home. In the evening heard a temperance lecture from Mr. Barlow in our meet= ing house. He is editor of the Temperance Mirror.
9 Mon."Went a blackberrying. In the evening went up to Nineveh to hear Mr. J.L.Barlow lecture on temperance. I was much inter= ested in the lecture. Not well attended. This account of the first start of the public mind which ultimately resulted in the far famed Maine law and of the "Knock down argument" which resulted in the conversion of Governor Hubbard to be friend instead of oponent, were very interesting
10 Tue."It has rained every day now for some time. Grass grows finely. Wrote G. R. Vosbury. Cleaned out the office to accom= odate the embryo "Sons" this pm. Paid cash to J.B.Merwin Co. as follows, 11/ for aGilchrist Razor and 27¢ for codfish. Attend= ed an infmormal meeting of charter members of the "Fountain Div= ision. Was elected Secretary
11 Wed."Went in company with father to Lewis Tyrrels to drive our stags to pasture and to return his double harness and obtain ours. J.B.Thompson's charge for fixing Tyrrels harness was 5/ In the pm went and carried Mr and Mrs. Patrick to Nineveh.
12 Thur."Went down to Center Village in a boat with J.O.Williams Father mowed briars. "The sons" have decided to have their in= stalling officers come a week from next Tuesday.
13 Fri."Wrote Jes. Hunter. Also B.D.Bancroft. Cleaned out back roommof office. The expenses were as follows=

Wm H. Lyon Co., drawing pencil	6¢
English pencil	2
Letter postage	3

Reciepts

Book sold	31¢

14 Sat."William Alexander filed the saw 2/6 Mrs. O. Merchant, Mrs. Ives and widow Merriman visited here.
15 Sun."Heard two excellent sermons from Eld. D.F.Leach, hut it went in one ear and out the other, but the sense I did not retian. O! that I might have a hearing ear and an understanding heart. Received 2¢ on society subscriptions.
16Mon."Paid 30¢ for 10 postage stamps and 3/ for Binghamton Democrat
17 Tur."Went blackberrying. Warm."
18.Wed."Railroad engineers, 10 in number staid at Tyrrel's.
19 Thur."Had 6 shoes set. Eld Simpson called here. Poor old man appeared about as ususal, poor in this worlds goods but rich in faith

20 Fri."Parents went visiting. I went out with an engineer party
21 Sat."Received a visit from Edwin Green of Coventry
22 Sun."I attended meeting of Sunday school. Heard Elder Rose, future son in law of Deacon Samuel Martin in the Pm and J.A.J.Birdsall, cousin came here this evening.
23 Mon."Attended auction went to Center village and blackberrying
24."Tue."Yesterday got ½ pound black pepper 7¢. Was initiated as a member of "Fountain Division # 40 and received the appointment of A.R.S. Paid $2.00 initiation fee. Also astend= ed an evening meeting of the Division.
25 Wed."John A. J. Birdsall started for Tioga, Pa. via Binghamton Showery. Went blackberrying with J.O.Williams. Rain.
26 Thur."Transplanted a few strwberries and worked at my accounts Received a letter from Jasper Hunter. Mother visited at Judge Ruggles. Moved stove out of the dining room. Father purchased of Judson Seeley a pair of silver spectacles for 12/ I purchased a safety cord.
27 Fri."Uncle Henry came here and staid over night. Says that our cow calved last sunday. attended teacheers meeting 1st eve. father has gone up to settle with O. Marsh & H. Judd. Mother & bnought a silver thimble of Seeley. Also a paper of needles 20¢ and a gross of shirt buttons. Took m team and H. Tyrrels and 8 of "The Sons" up to West coventry to the meeting of the Division in that place. A beautiful moon light evening. Pleasant time.
28 Sat."Went up to Uncle Henry's place to get our stock but did not get it. Father went to South Bainbridge and settled with some of his creditors there.
29 Sun."I attended meeting at the meeting house in am. the funeral of Mrs. Watrous at usquehannahville in pm.
30 Mon."John F. Bishop dr for self and horses to Daniel Martin two shillings. He overturned his new wagon and damaged it considerably.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft sold Eggs 1853

43 doz @	.14	$6.02
13 "	.10	1.30
206 "		30.69
83½ "		10.46
		39.25
10 "		1.25

Aug 3 1853
Sent to Penny Gazette
$8.00 $5 bill Phila.
$2 " Troy City Bank #334
$1 " Clark's Bank

1852
Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft

Order of drugs
Soda
Cream tart
Gum Arabic
Refd Licorice
Rhei pulvis
Rhei root.
Carb. Magnesia
Af. Cayane
Annato
Cudbear
Cochineal
Vitreol
Snuff
Powder
Putty
Cinamon
Madder

Diary of Mr. Oscar Bancroft, age 22, Otego, N.Y.

1853

April 1853

April 9, Sunday
Excellent discourse by Eld. Leach, on the doctrine of Salvation through Christ alone.

Expense of cloth and trimming for a suit of clothes: coat and pants of broad cloth, vest of black satin.

Cloth and trimming	16.35	
Cutting	.88	
Making	1.87	
Board	1.00	$20.10

Had no sleighing this winter and scarcely any snow.

July 1853

July 1, Friday
Had a mess of green pears.

July 22, Wednesday
Started to attend the meeting of the Association at Unadilla. Staid over night at F. Sherman's. After meeting he went to Otego and staid till Sat. (I) Received the balance due on tin pans. $12.00. Left Cobbins Bible at Deacon Thomas's. Travelled most of the day in search of Firkins with E. Patrick's horse and wagon. Albert had father's mare to Deposit with butter.

1854
Febr 15 Town of Coffeeville Av one days work as Clerk of special Elect. $1.25

1 November 1854

168 Purchases for the store, Partial Wm. Oscar Bancroft. Harpursville.

Beckman and Knoxs	Dry goods.	262.40
Hastings	"	145.45
Will	Ribbob silks	104,83
Beckman & Knox	Dry Goods	114.86
Ransome	Shoes	47.20
Rowe Woodruff	Gro ceries	154.32
Burger	Drugs	47.60
Pratt	books	4.00
Wilson	Ginghams	105.55
Nails		45.38
Molasses		37.66
Iron		96.35
Hats		92.50
Salt		11.75
Candles		6.90
Mackeral		19 44
Candy		10.06
Sugat		74.17
Nails		45.38
Books		13.50
Candles		13.50

Dec 28
subscribers to Arthur's Home Gazette

W. O. Bancroft	1.00
L Barnes	"
J. B Hawley	"
Edward Harper	"

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y., son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

1 Mon. "Commenced snowing Sunday, Dec. 3, fell to the depth of 15". Good sleighing ever since. Clear cold. Wrote to L. M.; also sent musical ticket to T. Z. Birdsall. I weigh 153½. Attended meeting on the Plains."

Goods purchased for the store

Sheeting	57.24
Candles	15.00
Tobacco	6.00
Axes and nails	42.86
Sugar	46.87
Books	33.39
Ginghams	31.20
Dry Goods	280.00

2 Tue. "South wind, does not snow much. Parents started for Bainbridge. Settled with Uncle Henry. Found Father owing him $11.00. Attended Division, spent the evening very agreeably at Mr. Harpurs until 12:00. Paid dues to S. of T. 96¢."

3 Wed. "Received a long letter from G. N. Fairchild. Father owes J.F. Bishop for a settlement to the credit on the book $9.85." Thaws. Odd Fellow installation, grest turnout. A. Vosbury and James Blakeslee."

4 Thur. "Patrick ½ day in Dickman woods yesterday, ditto today. Walter G. Baker cut in his leg by Jones. Sent $151.07 in cash and checks to N. Y. by mail, 3 letters. Rains. Bad night for D. F. Leach donation, do not attend. Received 2.66."

5 Fri. "J. A. Barlow came to our house first time out. Van Bragnard came to our house. Self and J. D. B. joined. Lent J. H. H. Walters 8/ ($1.00). Lent George T. Foote 8/ . Patrick had team to Blakeslee's. I received a letter from B. D. Bancroft."

6 Sat. "Sent $100.00 to Binghamton by C. Pratt to buy flour. Sent $312.00 to Binghamton by Braynard to obtain a draft for M. G. Blakeslee. Sent 8/ by Blakeslee to pay for deed at clerks office."

7 Sun. "Attended Baptist meeting, Elder Leach preached excellent sermon, an offer made by certain members of the church to present the choir with free tickets to the concert at Nineveh."

8 Mon. "Paid H. P. Bush 28¢ for Prohibitionist. Snowed a little last night, so sleighs have been busy today. Received from A. W. Alvord cash for Gazette 1/6 . Attended concert."

9 Tue. "Mr. Bradbury did not arrive until 12 M. F. M. waited. A good attendance P.M. session. Opens finely. Paid for ticket 8/,for Marion Larch 8/, for Margaret 2/ ."

10 Wed. "Convention moves along finely. Weather comfortable for the time of year. Was appointed on committee with K. K. Williams and G. W. Hobbs to draft a resolution for the convention."

11 Thur. "Mr. Bradbury exercises the singers a good deal to get a pure and correct tome giving the consonant sounds, etc. 2 meals yesterday at Pulver's and 2 today."

12 Fri. "Dinner at M. Hobbs, tea at Edgertons. QuartetteOh; there is music in the waters, tenor by self, soprano Miss Marish Bishop, alto Miss Jennie Hakes, Base J. W. Warre. Concert went off finely."

13 Sat. "Business committee met to settle. Total receipts $143.00 After paying all bills presented to the Board, balance left for stock was 10/ . Paid for concert 2/ at Pulvers 8/6 . Borrowed of Edgerton 8/ . Attended Covenant meeting, few out. Stormy."

14 Sun. "Father went to Binghamton yesterday, carried G. Blakeslee and wife for $3.00. Received of J.D.B. $4.00 cash. Received towards choir expense $3.40. Have paid out myself, $3.00. Attended meeting. Sermon in A.M., communion in P.M."

15 Mon. "Rose at 5 A.M. In store all day. Patrick absent over ½ day. I was absent from the store 4 days last week. Attended C.K. Finished journalizing for the month. Post tomarrow. Did not get to bed till 11:30."

16 Tue. "Received of E. B. Vinton cash for Gazette 1/6 . Patrick absent a ½ day. Snow sufficient to make sleighing slip along nicely. Attended C. F. Derwin(?). Posted books. Not much business."

17 Wed. "Father went to New Ohio collecting. Took H.D.J. note. Got no money on said note. Patrick absent ½ day. Good sleighing. Commenced taking Triweekly tribune at No 980. Time expires with No. 1015. Received a weekly paper through mistake."

18 Thur. "Father went to New Ohio and got of Mr. Salisbury what is supposed to be 1500 lbs of hay. Thawed in middle of day. Attended C.R. Meeting at Center Village. Received 1/ of five members. Cold."

19 Fri. "Cold. Windy. Odd Fellow gathering to hear some great speech at Tyrrells. Received a letter from Ira Bancroft. Meeting of C. K. at Hall."

20 Sat. "Town court left notices of caucus to be circulated through the town, 2 sent by Johnson to Tallisman(?) vicinity, 2 sent by George Pease to Welton School House and Susquehanna. Attended temperance Lecture. At the Methodist house by Homer A. Reach of Rhode Island."

1855, January continued

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y.

21 Sun. "Attended meeting at meeting house in A.M. At the School house on the Plains in the evening. Came home in the rain and lost a horse blanket through inattention. Bro. Hickox and lady staid over night."

22 Mon. "Thawed and rained all night. Soft in A.M. but froze hard before noon. Went to New Ohio in evening with Ck . Good sleighing. Foster Doolittle, William Alexandry. Very icey. Sick and absent from the store ½ day."

23 Tue. "Received the Tribune with Prohibitory law in it. I like it well. Attended Division meeting. Was appointed one of the committee of finance again. Clear pleasant but very cold. Business dull."

24 Wed. "Cold with some slight flakes of snow. Parents visited with E. Patricks in company with Col. Mason and others. Patrick absent ½ day. Attended meeting of Glee Club at L. Barnes."

25 Thur. "John Morris called at our house the 22 instant. Set up with Dr. G. Watrous on speech to Sons of Temperance. Enclosed 8/ on Putnam Valley Bank. "Reporter" called at N. Riley's."

26 Fri. "Commenced snowing very early in the morning. Snowed fast all day. Received a letter from B. D. Bancroft. So stormy and snow so deep no one went to Osborn Hollow as agreed."

27 Sat. "Snowed most of the day. Drifts. Temperance Men met G. B. Fraziers office. Made out a Town ticket. Attended Beacon Light Lodge #288."

28 Sun. "Elder D. F. Leach preached. In the evening Center Village. "Where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound". "Ye must be born again."

29 Mon. "Rained all night. Snow and water make it very unpleasant to get about. Turned around before night and froze up."

30 Tue. "Father started for Binghamton. George D. B. started for Triangle. Paid Frank Edgerton 8/ which I borrowed at the convention. Went over to Osborn Hollow to C.K. Cold wind."

31 Wed. "Esq. Barlow staid at our house last night. Father did not return from Binghamton until 10 oclock last night. Attended Council. Received $5.00 of C. F. Thompson, am to return to him $4.50."

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y., son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Thur. "Paid L. Barnes 84¢ for "Musical Review", paid 4¢ for government envelope. Parents visited at Col. Cowdry's. Did not return until 11:00 P.M. Patrick went to Binghamton with Father's horse and cutter."

2 Fri. "Paid 2¢ on Almira's letter. Trade not very brisk, not so good as yesterday. Very cold weather."

3 Sat. "Patrick returned from Binghamton, absent 2 days. Attended Templars Lodge. Paid dues 25¢. Paid Pete Waldroff change for Bank Note. Miss Bonney came here from Col.Cowdry's."

4 Sun. "Heard Elder Leach in A.M. Not much profited by the sermon. Paid Elder Leach 15¢ for Macedonian. Received of H. Nartin 8/ on choir matters. Cold and blustering."

5 Mon. "Wrote letters to A. Chan & P. S. Johnson. Patrick absent ½ day. Weather very cold. P. O. of A. K. met at J. A. Barlow's room. Self and G. T. Foote appointed delegates to Grand E."

6 Tue. "Very Cold. Father went to H. P. Birdsall's and got a load of rye straw. Patrick absent ½ day. Self and G. T. Foote started for Binghamton about 4 P.M. Arrived at Way's Hotel at 5:30. 20 degrees below 0."

7 Wed. "Attended Peoples Lodge last eve. Installation. P. A. Nixon did not arrive till P.M. on account of accident on R.R. which kept passengers in cold 9 hours. Paid G.E. dues 4/ . Still very cold."

8 Thur. "Enjoyed an excellent meeting. There was the ring of the true temperance metal. After we adjourned to a temperance saloon and discussed the oysters. Snows. Arrived home at 7:30."

9 Fri. "Sick with head ache and cold, out ½ day. Expense at Binghamton, horse keep 8/ , board for self 13/ , for Foote 15/ , Total paid $4.50. For hymn book 4/ , notes $4.00, Paid J. Stows execution $59.80. Borrowed from Flow Draw $50.00. Received of Father for note $4.00 worthless."

10 Sat. "Nice sleighing. George started for Otego yesterday. Received of Ek per Foote 8/ . Attended meeting of Beacon Light Lodge No. 288 as sons of T. Hall. A dastardly attempt was made by some of the Primmies(?) to burn the building."

11 Sun. "Heard Elder Leach. An excellent discourse."

12 Mon. "Posted books. Father went to Binghamton and got a load of flour, clover and timothy seed. Wrote letter to ? D. Bancroft. Paid for government envelope 4¢."

13 Tue. "Town Meeting, the Run K N part of the town made extraordinary efforts. R. Rush had 164, H. A. Olendorf 170, C. G. Northrup

177, Jas A. Chafee 199. Receipts of the day for trade $25.06. A.P. 10.52 Flour $13.28 . Commenced to rain."

14 Wed. "Wrote a letter to E. Webb enclosing 8/ bill. Postage 3¢. Patrick absent ½day. Father got 100 bundles of straw of A. P. Merrill."

15 Thur. "Sent $1.00 to Highland Book, Newburgh Sept. 7, 1853. 1.19 for semi weekly tribune. Paid stamp and envelope 4¢. Patrick to Binghamton with Father's horse in snow storm."

16 Fri. "Attended Barne's Glee school. Patrick left about 5 oclock and did not return. I left at 8 oclock."

17 Sat. "Attended Lodge meeting. Was not either blown or burnt up tho some were a good deal frightened."

18 Sun. "Elder Leach preached a mission sermon. Signed 8/ for home missions and 8/ for foreign missions. Cold."

19 Mon. "Received of J. D. Bancroft cash $5.00 for money paid O. N. Stow at Binghamton, also $3.00 from D. F. Leach missionary money for Miss Banning. Attended meeting of J.O.A.K. at hall. Two initiated."

20 Tue. "Patrick absent ½ day. Attended division S. of T.(?). Bro. Hubert Frasier withdrew. Parents started this morning for Butternuts and Otego."

21 Wed. "Received a letter from Miss Lucy Morse. Patrick absent all day drawing wood with Rob. Allen. Bought Brizzee's rye on the ground for $10.00. Cold north wind."

22 Thur. "South wind blows, thaws considerable, water in the road. Patrick absent ½ day. Aturn of head ache brought on by sitting by a hot stove reading, after eating hearty."

23 Fri. "Paid D. F. Leach $3.00 for father, $2.00 for self, and 2/ for Miss Banning amount subscribed for missions. Patrick absent ½ day."

24 Sat. "News by the papers today that the Maine Law passed the House. Attended Beacon Light Lodge No. 288. Parents arrived home about 8 P.M. Father got $100.00 of Uncle William and $55.00 from William Henry."

25 Sun. "Elder Leach commenced a series of expository sermons commencing with the gospel of John. I think it will add a good deal of interest to the Sunday service. $60.00 raised for Mission Bible Societies."

26 Mon. "Father started for Binghamton in company with D. W. Pearsall.* On Grand Jury. Sent $300.00 to bank, $25.00 to Moore and Myers, $4.00 for Camphene(?). No attendence at I.O.A.K. Attended Glu (?) school. Patrick absent ½ day."

Glee

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y.

27 Tue. "Received of Almira*2/ for Elder D. F. Leach. Lent A. W. Alvord 6/ . Cold north wind has blown for five days. Attended Division meeting. Elder Leach and Lady visited at the house in the evening. Paid him 2/ for Almira*."

28 Wed. "Received of A. W. Alvord on borrowed money 2/ . Received of Delos Harrington* 4/ for hymn book. Father returned from Binghamton."

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y., son of Dr. J. D. Bancroft

1 Thur. "Brizzee went down to Willard Barnes* and bought one ton of hay for $11.00."

2 Fri. "Father borrowed $100.00 of S. Wilcox 12 Febr. 1854."

4 Sun. "Elder Leach* preached another expository sermon. Am quite unwell with a severe cold, the first I have had this winter. Mary Caty quite sick also."

5 Mon. "Attended Glee school in the evening. Rain, high wind. Fell on the ice but through the protecting care of a kind providence was not much hurt."

6 Tue. "Patrick absent all day hewing timbers. Clear chilly wind, but thaws smartly, sleighing almost gone. Have had a long run."

10 Sat. "Received of A. M. Alvord* balance of cash lent 12/ ."

11 Sun. "Gave up work Wednesday noon and lost 3½ days from store."

12 Mon. "Received of G. F. Foote* of borrowed money for board at Binghamton 15/ ½ of honey keeping 2/. Father sent by E. Patrick the $200.00 borrowed of C. Blakely, $100 on J.D.B.'s note and $100 on store note. Patrick absent all day with Father's horse and cutter."

13 Tue. "Attended Glee school last night. Also one tonight. Attended division also finished the H. E. Mayhew* committee business. A snow and hail storm."

14 Wed. "Pleasant, thaws, muddy. Paid William Ayelworth meat bill 2.13 . Wrote a letter to J. B. Pope*. Father bought bush rye of Jonas Stevens* which balanced account 10/ . Father went up to H. T. Meshhell and got his note to balance books."

15 Thur. "Wrote a letter to G. R. Vosbury* paid 3¢. Mr. Rogers came down to see about buying butter. Patrick absent ½ day."

16 Fri. "Clear, Pleasant. Started at noon with Mother, sister, and Miss Banning* for Windsor. Had J. L. Dort's coach."

17 Sat. "Returned from Windsor about 5 P.M. Away from store 1½ days. Attended Lodge, also heard Mr. Puffer preach at the chapel."

18 Sun. "Meeting in A.M. George had mare and sulky to Otego two days. G. O. Williams* animal G. O. Williams arrived here from Binghamton. Went over to hear "Puffer" preach."

19 Mon. "William H. Charberlain* called on us. Patrick absent ½ day. He fell through the ice and come near being drowned. J. O. Williams staid over night with us."

20 Tue. "Bought a gold guard hasp of Chamberlain paid out of the store 15/ . Attended Division and Glee school. Orson staid over night with us."

21 Wed. "Settled, balanced books with Orson. He throw off $2.21 on the store and cutting box. Borrowed Dr. Hunter's* book from the Daguerian."

22 Thur. "Patrick absent ½ day."

23 Fri. "Snow storm."

24 Sat. "S & N Stow dr. to $6.00 nails 6s After Lodge. Has been wintry and cold all the week. Good sleighing on the hills."

25 Sun. "Elder Leach preached the 44th anniversary sermon of this church. It was a very interesting time historical. The church was organized with 11 members in 1811."

26 Mon. "A little more mild. John B. Clark's* father died last night. Wrote a letter to J. N. Fairchild*. pd. 3¢."

27 Tue. "Wind North. Does not thaw. Ground covered with snow. Patrick worked over the river all day. Oxford hoes offered for $3.00, for rivetted $4.50 to $6.00 for best, warranteed not to bend , break or get loose from the handle."

28 Wed. "Lent Father $1.00 to pay D. W. Pearsall for medical book. Father paid $2.00 and one dollar turned at the store. Patrick worked over the river today. Still very cold."

29 Thur. "Patrick absent all day. Attended Glee school in evening. Let Esq. Miller have $1.00 taken at Temperance Caucus which he is to identify or return. Father, Mr. Harpur bought note against H. M Bates* to off-set Roswell's account."

30 Fri. "Paid postage, Harpers Magazine 36¢, Tribune 13¢, Reporter 3¢, Org. 13 for Recorder. J.D. B. 6¢ which pays all to the first of July. Postage on letter to Wm. H. Birdsall for Father 3¢. Paid father $30, to purchase oats with Patrick over the river. Clear and pleasant."

31 Sat. "Note for $200.00 to be paid to C. Blakeslee 1st of April, 18??. Father started for Otego with horse and sulky. Patrick absent all day. Clear and pleasant."

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y., son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

1 Sun. "Elder Leach preached. Cold and snow. Father settled with William Brizzee and found due him $1.83, turned at the store."

2 Mon. "Father received from Otego bond $200.00 of Uncle William Birdsall. Cold, blustering. Mr. Brizzee killed a veal."

3 Tue. "Paid B. Blakeslee per A. Edson $10.00. The $150. to be paid the first of May. Colt died. Clear, pleasant, cold."

4 Wed. "Weight 149 lbs. Paid 4/ for blinds on the Episcopal Church. Bought 2 yearlings of Mr. Brizzee @ $8.00 a head. Mr. Brizzee's family are dissatisfied that father does not let them stay and have the whole control of the farm."

6 Fri. "Paid my subscription to Glee school to O. D. Beaman* 8/ . Attended Glee School the last of the term. Father went to see A. P. Merrill* and C. Banning. Patrick absent ½ day."

7 Sat. "The flour purchased by Rob Allen DOES NOT PROVE to be good. One sack returned by Mr. Hokick. Paid E. 1/6 per cwt for drawing it over in flour. Clear and cold. Attended Lodge, one initiated, one withdrew."

8 Sun. "Elder preached a fine discourse for a funeral occasion. The person dead was the son of one of the sisters in the church, Paul Harrington. Clear and pleasant."

9 Mon. "Father went to mill. Brizzee worked for Father in P.M. Went over to Hall but no knights were present. Received of Father $3.58."

10 Tue. "Wrote a letter to E. P. Crane, 3¢. Sign a recommend for Warren E. Martin* who is going to Albany to try his luck peddling patent medicine. Think he will fail. Attended C. F.D. very few out."

11 Wed. "Snow, blustery, thaws as it falls. Patrick absent ½ day. Mr. Brizzee moved down to the Morrison place. Today in the storm, one load last night. Father went down with one load for him."

12 Thur. "Orlando Lund* of Ithaca took supper at our house. Lecture in the eve. at the Baptist House. Good lecture, small audience. Organized a Know Something Council. Advance $7.00 from old Council."

13 Fri. "Lent Beacon L. Lodge $3.00 to pay for certificate. Advanced 8/ for George Main bond from the store. $10.00 settled with Wm. L. Mudge* for store rent, lumber note, etc."

14 Sat. "Father went on horse back over the hill to attend Deacon Martin's funeral. The deacon died very suddenly seated in his chair at table of Tuberculosis. Rain. Received of C. F. D. No. 60 for postage etc. 18¢."

15 Sun. "Elder Leach preached an expository sermon. Clear."

16 Mon. "Francis Harrington* commenced work for Father at $12. per month the first spring day of the year. Patrick absent ½ day. Father finished sowing grass seed."

17 Tue. "Father went to see Miss Banning.* She is failing, drawing nigh unto a better world. Patrick absent ½ day. Showery in P.M. Received letter from E. P. Crane*. Was installed R. S. of C. F. D. No.40."

18 Wed. "V. D. Stoddard* and lady from Windsor staid over night with us. William Henry and George D. also. Patrick absent ½ day. Thunder shower."

19 Thurs. "William Henry had Father's horse and wagon to go around and pick up Deacon _____. Paid him 4/ . He paid me 5/ for a bu. of oats. Staid over night with us again. In the morning went to Bainbridge on foot to meet George."

20 Fri. "Father went over to H. Martin* and got ¼ ton of hay for G. Harrington. Rained quite hard most of the day. River quite high. Attended degree meeting of Division last night. Patrick absent ½ day."

21 Sat. "Bought a Deacon skin paid 3/6 . Paid 19¢ for a wash board for Mother. Patrick absent ½ day. Attended Lodge. Received of George Main 8/ for K. S. Went to Ninevah for the mail. Water over the plank road."

22 Sun. "No meeting at the Baptist House. Attended funeral of Emily Tyrrel at the church. Mr. Palmer's text, "As the Lord live we shall do this or that". Pleasant day."

23 Mon. "Patrick absent a day. Attended meeting of A. E. at the hall. Two initiated. Clear and pleasant."

24 Tue. "Father sewed the spring wheat, went up with him and applied plaster. Esquire Barlow and sister put up with us for the night. Attended meeting of the Sons of Temperance. Pleasant day."

25 Wed. "Paid O. D. Beman* for watch regulation."

26 Thur. "Barlow and sister started for home. Paid O. D. Beman 2/ for fixing Accordeon. Also 2/3 for burning fluid for Temperance meeting at meeting house. Showery."

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y.

27 Fri. "Cold, harsh, windy day. Not much business. Received 60¢ of G. T. Foote* as ½ subscription for the Norwich Temperance paper."

28 Sat. "Father started for Green. Sent a letter to Norwich for a Temperance advocate, enclosing $1.00, postage 3¢ ~~6¢~~ of Foote for postage."

29 Sun. "Attended our meeting."

30 Mon. "Father got an extension of time on the $150. note due C. Blakeslee of 2 weeks."

1 May 1855, Tuesday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville, diary, 24yrs.

Mrs. Patrick very sick so I did not start for the city yesterday.

Stock purchased for the store-

Hats and caps	80.00
bonnet Ribbons	85.47
Brooms	9.00
Cod fish	23.35
Salt	13.75
Groceries	277.89
Iron	51.36
Crockery	,31.18
Drugs and oil	47.94
Nails	57.25
Cotton goods	51.18
Camphene	2.15
Scythes	44.00
CAndles	11.37
Stone tubes	3.38
Shoes	5.00
Candles	10.50

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y., son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

2 Wed. "Started to New York, on foot to Nineveh, stage to deposit where I arrived between 3 and 4 oclock. Went to the bank where I got a draft for F. Brown. Concluded to take the Express at 2:46 A.M. Therefore went early to bed in order to get some sleep."

3 Thur. "Called up about 2:15, cars some twenty minutes late. Had to wait at the depot. Arrived in N.Y. at 10 A.M. Having enjoyed a very pleasant trip. Fare 2.63."

4 Fri. "Settled up part yesterday, balance today and commenced Tuesday's goods. Went to the museum last evening in company with Bush and Stephenson. Did not think much of the performance. Called on Mrs. R. Cole this eve at her hotel the Clermont."

5 Sat. "(Borrowed $24.00 of H. G. and company) Paid. Received a letter from home. Went to Mr. Cranes* in the evening but they had just been moving so I returned to the hotel. Sunday morning went over to Brooklyn to hear H. W. Beecher (?). Excellent discourse. Passed through the underground R.R. before services."

6 Sun. "Rev. H. W. Becker (?). After dinner went up to Mr. Cranes again and attended their church, heard a son of Judge Jessup of Pennsylvania, in the evening heard Dr. R. S. Stom of Massachusets at Dr. Adam's church, Madison Square."

9 Wed. "Received of William H.Birdsall cash for Deason Skindrip (?). Arrived home in safety about noon Tuesday. Rained the day I returned but being under cover it did not inconvenience Me. Had a very favorable time."

10 Thur. "Miss Clemina Banning* died this day. Father let Frank and the team plow for Mr. Harrington. Frank did not work yesterday on account of the cold storm. Mr. Patrick went to Binghamton, had Father's sulky. George Willcox* brought a small load from Deposit."

11 Fri. "Parents and sister went up to New Ohio to attend the funeral of Miss Banning. Self unpacked goods and commenced clearing out store. Pleasant but cold wind. Catherine Merritt* came to our house."

12 Sat. "Attended Covenant meeting. Catherine Merritt came last night and staid till Sunday. Old Mr. Bunt staid over night. Elder West agent for Rochester University staid over night."

13 Sun. "Elder West preached a good discourse. Communion in P.M."

14 Mon. "Father finished sowing oats last Saturday. Commenced sowing the first week in April."

15 Tue. "Have been busy cleaning and regulating the store. But I go along slowly on account of Patrick's being absent so much, his wife being sick."

16 Wed. "Had Mr. Alvord* and sundry others to plant corn but the rain broke them off after dinner. Frank H. closed up his work for Father. Went to Mr. Ripp's. Received a letter from G. N. Fairchild*. Father went to L. Marches and Vosmans professionally."

17 Thur. "Patrick went to Binghamton yesterday, returned this A.M. Over the river Mother went to sewing society at Mr. Ripp's*. Clear but cold. G. O. Williams staid over night with me."

18 Fri. "Finished planting corn yesterday. G. W. Hakes, F. Brown Jr., N. G. F. Bishop helping. Father went down to Marsh's* in the evening. Patrick absent all day over the river digging cellar."

19 Sat. "Father settled with Mrs. Crawford and found due her for he gave a new note to be paid as soon as he can for $20.24. Patrick absent a ½ day. Father planted potatoes. Paid C. Blakslee $100.00

20 Sun. "Funeral of Mrs. Eldridge*, 85 yrs. of age. Cold, windy."

21 Mon. "Seward brought over a load of goods. Error in freight account of 8/ wrote to Judson about it. Clear, high wind. Patrick absent ¼ day. First brood of chickens sold. Mr. Hurlburt's Sharps axe warranted for 2/ Letter D # 55."

22 Tue. "Attended C. F. D. last night. Esquire Frasier could allow the claims of Dr. Watrous to benefits but Esq. Barlow has no claim of gratitude from the Division. Made up my mind that there would be no more of my money go in that way."

23 Wed. "The only warm day we have had this month. Fine thunder shower last night."

24 Thur. "Settled with Doolittle and paid him $37.00 for woodwork of light buggy. Am to pay him $20.00 for the iron work. G. M. Tyrrel to do the work. Patrick absent ½ day. Beacon Light Lodge debtor to postage 12¢."

25 Fri. "Father engaged pasture of Fred Martin @ 2/ . Cow 16¢, yearlings 8¢, Patrick absent ½ day. Unpacked crockery in A.M."

26 Sat. "Sent a letter to G. N. Fairchild. Patrick absent a ½ day. Father went over to Martins with my stock. Attended B? L? Lodge #288, after that A. E."

27 Sun. "Two excellent sermons for Elder Leach."

28 Mon. "Borrowed 8/ from the store. Sent 16/ to N.Y. for Harpers Mag."

29 Tue. "Had a turn of wind choke and did not attend division."

30 Wed. "W. Benedict* or F. Brown* is to pay for 8/ worth of flour this dat"

31 Thur. "E. Patrick absent all day. George R. Vosbury* staid with me over night."

17 Sun. "Good attendance at meeting. In P.N. Elder Leach preached on the duty of secret prayer. A duty too much neglected by me. Clear and pleasant."

18 Mon. "Wrote a letter for semi-weekly Tribune enclosing one dollar. Lee Bank, Mass N. 2276 A. Sept 1, 1853. Received of J. D. B. $1.00 in silver. Postage 3¢ E. Patrick absent all day. W. W. Alexander worked today."

19 Tue. "W. W. Alexander did not work today. E. Patrick absent all day. W. W. Alexander painted 4 days last week."

20 Wed. "Raining in A.M. cleared off towards night. E. Patrick gone all day. Elder West came here after the balance of the subscription for Rochester."

21 Thur. "G. M. Tyrrell* had horse to plow corn on his farm. Father finished plowing out his. E. Patrick absent all day. Received a letter from G. A. Barlow*. Clear and hot in P.M. but the shrill whistle of the Quail was heard in the A.M. We must have rain."

22 Fri. "Sent certified check on the Irving bank of 20.31 to Mr. Burger------. Father was called up in great Haste last night to see Dr. Guys boy who had a fit."

23 Sat. "Lucius H. absent a ½ day. W. W. Alexander did not work today. E. Patrick has not been in the store this week. Clear and warming. Wrote to G. A. Birdsall paid 3¢."

24 Sun. "Elder preached expository sermon. Elder S. S. Martin from Illinois preached a short discourse in P.M. A very heavy rain, the creek back of Father's barn raised so as to run over the causeway."

25 Mon. "Rain continued in A.M. E. Patrick absent ¼ day. Sent an order to N.Y. for J. A. Barlows* rake wire. Father plowed at Harringtons. Buck wheat ground. Carried H. P Birdsall's wool up to C. Pratts to send to Binghamton."

26 Tue. "Term expires for Tribune with #1048 this day. W. W. Alexander commenced boiling oil today. Clear, pleasant, very warm."

27 Wed. "Paid 3/ for lime purchased for Father by Alber Pratt at Oxford. C. Pratt brought in load of flour from Binghamton. Wrote letter to G. A. Barlow."

28 Thur. "W. W. Alexander painted blinds. Heavy shower this A.M. Col. Stone* & F. Brown* turned horses into clover lot. H. Benedict at work for Father laying wall which had caved in to wood pit. W. W. Alexander worked ½ day."

29 Fri. "Father and Lucius worked at hoeing corn. An excessive hot day."

30 Sat. "Another very hot day. Thermometer at 90° in the shade. Helped Elder Leach put new seat in pulpit. It is too large. Mother has made me a new pair of summer pants. A wind and thunderstorm."

1855 June

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N. Y., son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

1. Fri. "Must pay Chaunsey Blakslee* $50.00 with interest. Helped Father fix road back of the barn."

2 Sat. "Rained last night. Sent a letter to John Lockwood* enclosing $51.18. One $50.00 bill and 8/ on a Delaware bank."

3 Sun. "Warmest day of the season. Elder Leach 2 and Puffer one sermon."

4 Mon. "E. P. absent 3/4 day. Rained quite hard last night with freshet in the river."

5 Tue. "E. P. absent 3/4 day. Attended C.F.L. A.W.A. Worked with Father fixing North most fence. Patrick raised his house. Cool yet."

6 Wed. "E. P. absent all day. Father gone to Binghamton after plaster and flour. Cool."

7 Thur. "Father got home today about 11 oclock. Staid all night at H. Collars. Left his tub of butter in Reech's cellar. E. P. absent ½ day. Rained hard all day."

8 Fri. "E. Patrick absent 3/4 day. Went to North Bainbridge as witness. Sent a letter to N.Y. organ office with an enigma. Postage 3¢.

9 Sat. "E. Patrick absent ½ day. Cut down a hemlock tree in our woods having a crows nest with 5 crows almost large enough to fly. Went over to lodge, no one there."

10 Sun. "No meeting on account of the heavy rain. Elder went to Osborne Hollow to preach the funeral of Mrs. Allerton* sister of the author of Winchells Watts."

11 Mon. "Father commenced putting ashes and plaster on the corn. E. Patrick absent a ½ day. Lucius commenced work again."

12 Tue. "William W. Alexander* painting our house. Is to board himself, and furnish his own tools and work for 12/ (1.50)a day. E. Patrick absent 2/3 of a day. Cold and cloudy, fires necwssary all day."

13 Wed. "E. Patrick absent all day."

14 Thur. "E. Patrick worked at Iron rack which fell down yesterday, in the cellar. Cool."

15 Fri. "E. Patrick absent all day. Had such a severe attack of head ache that I was obliged to shut up store at 5 oclock. Suffered intense pain."

16 Sat. "A little warmer. Showery. Lucius gone away today. Mr. Alvord helped a half day yesterday with the open crib in the meadow. Sent a letter to Miss L. M. paid 3¢. E. Patrick absent all day. Weight 147."

William Oscar Bancroft, 24 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y., diary, son of Dr. John Demarest Bancroft

1 Sun. "Elder Leach preached in the A.M. Elder S. S. Martin preached in the P.M. Elder Leach gave notice that he should not continue his labors in the church after the first of October."

2 Mon. "E. Patrick worked over the river all day. Father hoed corn. Albert took wagon away."

3 Tue. "E. Patrick worked over the river all day. Father plowed corn for Harrington. Warren Martin staid with me last night. Warm."

4 Wed. "Dinner at Way hotel 1.00
Tickets to the Great Bend R. R. .64
Tickets to Scranton R. R. 3.00
Tickets from Scranton to Binghamton 3.59
Hotel in Scranton 1.75
Dinner at the Bend .50
Horse keep .75
$11.23
Ways Hotel .75 "

6 Fri. "Returned last night at 8 P.M. Scranton via Binghamton where I had been with Edward Merrill* on his wedding trip. Borrowed of store $9.00. Had on hand 2.60. Had a pleasant trip. E. Patrick absent ½ day. Went over to Mr. Merrill's in eve."

7 Sat. "Covenant meeting. Did not attend. E. Patrick absent 3/4 day. Rain."

8 Sun. "Sermon by Elder Leach in A.M. Communion in P.M. Had a mess of green shell peas today."

9 Mon. "W. W. Alexander worked at painting house. E. Patrick absent 3/4 day. Father had a new brake put onto wagon patented by Wes. Grannis. Clear and pleasant. Alvord hoed corn for Father a ½ day. Paid Alvord 8/ meeting house money."

10 Tue. "E. Patrick absent all day. W. W. Alexander absent."

11 Wed. "W. W. Alexander worked today painting house. E. Patrick absent all day. Wrote to New York for Organ endorsing bill on Grammercy Bank, bond of store."

12 Thur. "W. W. Alexander worked at painting today. Mother went to Sewing Society at George Collington's. E. Patrick absent all day. The amount of lumber sold to me by Pratt for H. P. B. is 4,000 feet lumber and 600 feet. Amount to a little less than 12/ ."

13 Fri. "Lucius commenced working again. Hard shower fell. W. W. Alexander worked. G. M. Tyrrell* had mare to plow out corn. E. Patrick absent all day. Hired Ed Merrills* for two months at $25.00 (60 days)."

14 Sat. "W. W. Alexander did not work today. E. Patrick absent. L. Alexander had horse and wagon, to Vosbury. W. W. Alexander had the horse a little while this A.M. Plowed out garden."

15 Sun. "Lewis Alexander preached twice for us today. In the P.M. went over to Mr. Roberts, the new Methodist minister on this circuit. He is very small in stature but appears to have considerable mind."

16 Mon. "Edward Merrills* commenced working for Father this A.M. Hoed corn. E. Patrick in store a half day. Wrote to New York Organ office for Sharrington Ripp*."

17 Tue. "Very hot night and day. Wrote letter to H. S. & B. concerning Truesdell Judgement."

18 Wed. "Settled with W. W. Alexander. Allowed him for 14 days work at 12/ $21.00 paid. 12/ on books furnished R. N.S.."

21 Sat. "It has rained almost all the week. Our folk have been laying stone wall."

22 Sun. "Mr. Enos Hakes* from West Colesville preached. Talked well. Delivered up S. S. Library books left in my care by Albert Martin to Minor M."

23 Mon. "Rain. Wrote a letter to G. A. Barlow. Patrick was in store only a ½ day last week. J. A. Beslova commenced boarding at our house at tea time. Patrick in store ½ day."

24 Tue. "Rained. Our folks building wall. Father took up Mrs. Crawfords note of $20.67 last night. J. D. Bancroft credit by cash, for my own use $5.00."

25 Wed. "Gave my note to Jessie Brown Jr. for $20.70 . Payable the last of November for G. Baslow. Still rains. Lucius absent for a day."

27 Fri. "Sent to Beechman Know and Riply a draft of Sussex bank for $60.00. Honesdale Bank $20.00 Metacomet Bank $10.00 State of New York Bank $10.00. Had the letter registered."

28 Sat. "A very heavy rain so as to injure property very materially on small rapid creeks."

29 Sun. "D. F. Leach preached expository sermon."

30 Mon. "Paid J. G. Thompson* for J. D. Bancroft for snaps 2/ cash and 6/ trade. Rain. Wrote letter to G. D. Pope, paid 3¢."

31 Tue. "Attended C. F. Division. W. W. Alexander worked for Father. Stones man in P.M. cutting rye. One load of hay in."

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 24 years, Harpursville, N.Y.

1855

August 1855

1 Wednesday My weight 143. Cutting rye.

2 Thursday The hardest shower of rain last night ever known in this section of the country. The creeks were the highest doing an immense deal of damage taking off both of the bridges in this town and putting S. Thompson's house and family in great jeopardy. Likewise John Wakeman, Taking off his saw mill, dam and all.

5 Sunday Elder Leach preached two excellent discourses.

7 Tuesday Went out in the meadow by Bishop's and helped rake and cock hay on account of a thundershower.

8 Wednesday Father finished drawing in the rye. There were 2,240 sheaves, small. Cleaned the C. Bishop meadow.

9 Thursday Father brought the fatting cow home from Deacon Martin's today. Heifers and colt are doing well.

10 Friday Sold a veal skin for father for 6/. A cold wind from the north.

12 Sunday Elder Leach preached in am. A funeral discourse on the death of Mr. Lord's child. Paid Albert Martin 4/ being my subscription to Youth's S. S. library.

13 Monday Father went to Binghamton after a load of flour and salt. A little rain in am.

14 Tuesday Received of father money over paid at Binghamton, 70¢. Installation of officers at C. F. D. Lent Eli Frasier 8/. Cut wheat yesterday. Very good, what there is of it.

15 Wednesday Sent draft to Rowe, Wlodrin and Carter. Drawed in one load of wheat, it is very scarce.

16 Thursday J. B. Frasier cash borrowed at Division. Clear and warm.

20 Monday Ketchum and Church from Coventry have taken Ruggles store and arefilling up with goods.

24 Friday Father got his yearling and colt from Martin's.

August 1855, 24 years (continued)

26 Sunday Heard D. F. Leach today.

27 Monday Bought a Newfoundland dog pup of M. S. Merwin for $ 5.00. Ed Merrill absent all last week. Commenced cutting oats today.

28 Tuesday Cool weather. Paid Ed Merrill for father $2.00. Cash returned

29 Wednesday Drawed in oats, 850 bundles. William Brizzee, Mr. Becker and E. Patrick worked for us in pm. Ed Merrill finished working for us. Tho. worked for us one month and seven days, amounting to $31.72.

30 Thursday E. Patrick had wagon to Binghamton. Ed Merrill with team helped E. Patrick move boards at Lovejoy's 2 half days Monday and Tuesday. Clear, cold, threatens hard frost.

September 1855. 25 years

2 Sunday Paid 2/ to "Convention". 2/ for minutes. Leant A. W. Alvord /6.

Stock for the store

Candles	$21.00
Books	1.81
Sugar	18.93
Gloves and mittens	20.00
Camphene	2.44
Candler	7.00
Nooks	2.15

3 Monday Father went to Binghamton after flour.

4 Tuesday Paid for use of F. Smith's wagon to Binghamton 10/. Paid Ed Merrill for father $22.75.

5 Wednesday Elder Hendricks sermon, "The Pearl of Great Price". His church is the Pearl.

6 Thursday Ed. Robertson preached.

7Friday Drove from Deposit last night in 3¼ hours. Had an interesting and I trust profitable meeting. Paid at the hotel 1/. Contribution 53¢. Toll 24¢. E. Patrick has been in the store 2 days. Hot days and cool nights. R. M. Patrick came to town today.

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 25 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y.

1855

September 1855 (continued)

8 Saturday Covenant meeting, did not attend. A. P. Merrill elected to the office of Deacon. E. Patrick had horses and carriage to Deacon Stowell.

9 Sunday Sermon and communion. Nelson Meremus received into church yesterday.

10 Monday Borrowed from store $ 2.75.

11 Tuesday E. Patrick went to Binghamton. Finished posting books. Dry and dusty.

12 Wednesday Paid L. Dort 6¢. Hotel 5/6. Toll /9. Letter 4¢.

13 Thursday Paid E. Birdsall 27.16.
Nowdin 4.00
Paid for tickets 4/

14 Friday Paid G. W. Reynold for paper 6 months 6/

15 Saturday Paid Grant 2.38
Paid hostler .06
Toll .19
Supper .31

19 Wednesday Paid Ewind Birdsall balance of note $4.00

30 Sunday To edify is to build. Edification-building up. Elder Leach closed his labors as pastor of this church.

October 1855

1 Monday Wrote to N. Ripley requesting him to visit this church. (He is at Oxford). Father borrowed $25.00 from the flour drawer as expense money to Elmira to the state fair. Parents started about 2 pm.

2 Tuesday E. Patrick went to Binghamton.

3 Wednesday Received on Truedell judgement $ 69.72.

4 Thursday The Const Sold Ed. Tyker things on my execution.

October 1855 (continued)

6 Saturday Father and mother returned from the fair. Wm. Youmans paid 12/ for ride to Binghamton, etc.

7 Sunday Funeral of old Mrs. Kelley, 76 years, at our meeting house. Mr. Roberts, the Methodist minister, officiated.

8 Monday Republican Caucus at J. B. Frasier's office. Paid E. Patrick 16/ left by German Barnes for rye last week.

9 Tuesday Write for Tribune this week. Elders Robinson, Wright, and Baldwin called at our house and took dinner on their way to the state convention. Father worked on the road.

10 Wednesday Wrote to G. A. Barlow also for New York Tribune. Sent 8/ on Hunterdon Co. Bank Fleminton, N.Y. Father went to carry P. Doolittle and family to Part Crane.

11 Thursday Clear and pleasant. Myriads of flies have passed today from the north to the south.

12 Friday Paid G. B. Frasier road tax, 10/ Borrowed of father $4.00. Snowed last night, white on top of the hills.

14 Sunday Rain. Had a conference meeting in the church.

16 Tuesday Time for the N. Y. Tribune expires this date with #1084. E. Patrick had father's team and wagon to Binghamton.

17 Wednesday A. G. Birdsall staid at our house last night in company with his grandmother, Mrs. Gilbert.

18 Thursday Dr. W. C. Doane lectured on the Maine Law and Republicans at the Baptist meeting house. A good lecture. Clear and pleasant.

19 Friday W. W. Alexander helped father draw in some corn, and father drew in some for him. W. W. Alexander took a pig weight 90 lbs. for which he is return 90 lbs. of pork.

20 Saturday Father worked on the road ½ day.

21 Sunday Elder Leach preached in the am. Rev. Hoyt funeral in pm. Elder Leach a Temperance sermon at Center Village.

22 Monday George T. Foote commenced boarding at our house this day at 6/ a week. Father worked on the road, finished his road.

Diary of Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 25 yrs., Harpursville, N.Y.

1855

October 1855 (continued)

23 Tuesday Grand Knownothing Fizzle at Mr. Tyrrell's. About 160 voters in attendance. The Great Guns advertised did not come. $ 10.00 left with me by Mr. Northup. Esquire Griswold's partner in place of Mr. Harper.

24 Wednesday Commenced snowing today. Cold Wintry.

26 Friday Still snowing. Went up to Coventry for the purpose of hearing the Cayuga chiel but he did not come. Postponed till next week Thursday. Expense 2/

November 1855

1 Thursday Commenced taking an invoice of the goods at the store. Father Patrick assisting.

Beginning of Partnership, Bancroft and Martin.
Goods purchase for store

Of William O. Bancroft by notes	938.00
Camphene	.44
Nails and hardware	100.00
Sheeting	9.50
Packing salt	23.62
Pails, etc.	18.69
Codfish and Mackerel	27.17
Drugs and dye	21.93
Iron and steel	77.80
Shoes and rubbers	56.70
Silks and ribbons	233.97
Groceries	523.19
Dry goods	129.69
" "	422.76
Books	31.37
Hats and caps	63.75
Books	19.08
Camphene	2.60
Candles	14.21
Candies and tobacco	10.00
Matches	.75

3 Saturday Patrick went to Binghamton after a load of flour.

4 Sunday Elder Leach preached. I did not attend meeting today, feeling rather lazy and somewhat unwell.

November 1855 (continued)

6 Tuesday Election Day. Went to church in the A.M. and deposited my vote. The first in the box. Prestige of the victory we finally gained in this district.

8 Thursday Wm. Oscar Bancroft Began a day book, Harpursville. He called it Blotter G. My identification Day Book #3. Runs to 1857.

Nov. 17 this day book became Blotter A for Bancroft and Martin, General merchandise. My identification continues as Day Book #3.

11 Sunday All the past week devoted to invoice. Elder Leach preached. Communion in the pm. Hicks came over.

12 Monday Theodore Williams commenced boarding at our house. Is going to school, is to work for his board. Finished invoicing. Stock of goods on hand $2,000.

13 Tuesday Father went to Deposit to attend a malpractice suit as a witness.

14 Wednesday Finished posting October books.

15 Thursday Balance of $1.00 left in Esq. Griswald money. Mr. Harpurs says pay it to Elder Leach.

16 Friday Father returned from Deposit at noon. E. Patrick absent during the year 143½ days.
Self 22 days.

17 Saturday Day Book # 3 was begun on Nov. 8 as William Oscar Bancroft became on this date"Blotter A" for Bancroft and Martin.

This day commenced doing business with W. E. Martin. We to furnish equal capital, render equal service and share equal profits and losses. Am to have extra compensation for my experience.

18 Sunday Prayer meeting. W. E. Martin commenced boarding at our house. 14/ without washing. Father helped Mr. Patrick move. Got a load of pumpkins of A. W. Alvord. R. Chamberlain family visited.

Bancroft & Martin, stock purchases

Nails	4.25
Sugar	51.76
Rasins	2.75
Steel	1.43
Nails	4.50
Powder	10.00
Yankee notions	5.99
Crackers	8.20
Sugar	24.80
Nails	9.00
Dry goods	475.75
Fish	28.38
Salt	18.75
Wall paper	8.58
Brooms	11.63
Candles	7.42
Whalr bone	1.75
book	1.78
Hardware	174.69
Shoes and rubberss	75.03
Hats	53.19
Drugs	76.71
Candles	7.98
Yankee notions	59.75
iron	127.40
Crockery	42.66
Books	36. 31
Ginghams	44.30
Clothing	127.88
Groceries	428.37
Sugar	53.41
Shot	4.00
Notions	3,02
Candies	7.65
Books	8.90
Powder	5.00
Candles	7.50

January 1 1856

Doctor John Demarest Bancroft, Harpursville 55.
Recovered of Rachel Hare $10.00 as payment of her contract

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. Day book #3. Harpursville. General merchandise. Became Blotter A for Bancroft and Martin. general merchandise. My idemtification, Day Book #3.

Purchase of stock, Bancroft and Martin

Foolscap paper	2.75
Candies	2.72
mapping paper	1.25
Tobacco & candies	10,15
Candles	14.56
Camphene	1.20
Matches	.38
Dry goods	19.37
Stone ware	20.44
Drugs & paints	94.28
Hardware & nails	115.93
Dry goods	208.42
Silks and Ribbons	110.59
Hats & caps	57.00
Iron	82.24

Wm Oscar

1 January 1857

Stock purchases by Bancroft & Martin

Powders	5.00
CAndles	7.55
Cracker	4.37
Tobacco	5.13
Grain craddles	8.25
Sheetings	28.54
Whale bone	1.00
CAndy	5.00
Silk	1.19
Notions	1.44
Matches	12.00
Soap & candles	11.76
Shaker Seed	5.37

Outstanding account
1.341.88

Small account book.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Ba roft
January 1
1859. 1858 is now numbered with the years which are
1. Sat. past, it has been full of important lessons to me. Oh; that I could feel that I could gain from them. ---------- and in the present year be more more careful. There are memories of 1858 that I shall have to my last hour. Some gay and some very very sad. I feel that I am in the hands of a God of infinite kindness. Elder R. preached,"all things that live shall die - Glory in the cross of Christ.
Went with Elder R. to the plank road to meet the stage. Robert and Almira Kingston called. Also Elder Merrill, father & mother Martin and sister Laura came to remove dear Jane's things. It was very sad, but it was for the best, God for Christ's sake removes all sin. Father and mother Martin called., on the fifth.. Had black mares shoes set.
6. Thur. Started about 6 am with Clora for Binghamton. Hotel $1.00
Over coat $7.00 hundred
7. Fri. Lent F. Edgerton four/dollars drawn from bank yesterday. Called with mother at Eld. Leach's. Went to E. Patrick to sing.
8. Sat. Attended Covenant meeting. Joined agricultural club. Father has been sick since Wednesday.
9 Sun. Rev. E. Hicks preached, Received of F.W.Martin $3.00 for Eld. Reynolds. Received collection of $1.81.
10. Mon. Ed. Beaman hekped thresh Rye. Singing school at Nineveh. Father quite comfortable.
11. Tue. Lewis Humaston helped thresh rye. ¼ day. Attendes meeting of Presbytery at Nineveh.
12. Albert qnd Betsey Martin arrived in town yesterday, (Betsey Martin dau. of Deacon Samuel m a cousin Albert Martin son of Daniel Martin.). Finnished threshing rye. Cleaned about 13 bu. Lewis cr. by work 8/ ($1.00) Bought ½ doz lites of glass. Good sermon at Nineveh.
13. Elder Hicks and wife visited.
14. Rain. Commenced smoking hams. Catch for door lock made my M. A. Alexander. Letter from Barlow. Also one for church from Mrs. St. John.
15. Quite muddy. Sawed wood. W.G. Harper paid, $1.30 on Tribune. D.W.P. paid .15 for recovery of gold shirt button lost at Singing school. Wrote to Uncle W. H. Birdsall, (His mother's brother.)
16 Sun. Heard a good discourse from Albert A. Martin also in P.M. from Elder Merrill. Albert, Bestsey and Clora took tea with us. Carried them over to Mr. Stevens in the eve.
17 Mon. Sawed wood. M.S.Merwin fixed saw strain.
18 Tue. Horse shod all round with new shoes. A Mark and Warren to dinner. Paid mother 4/ (.50) Paid father tax $17.14. Visited Clora.
19 Wed. Bought of Guy and Perry 2 bu of oats, to grind for provender.
20 Thur. Started with Clora, Albert and wife ,Breakfasted at North Bainbridge, on way to Butternuts, was married at 7 pm to Miss Clora Clora A. Martin by Uncle Wm. H. Birdsall. Paid $2.50

21 Friday. Snow storm. Staid with Elder Miller and wife. Albert and wife went on in the storm.
22 Sat. Went down to stay with Augustus and Millie (Shepherd) Millie was a Birdsall)
23 Sun. Heard Uncle William preach at the Brown school house. Long and excellent discourse. Felt that I neglected duty. My God forgive me. Help me to be fruitful. Heard Eld Church in the eve. Staid at William Shepherd's.
24 Mon. Called at Elder Church's, had a pleasant time singing. Martin an Susan Shepherd called (bro and sister) staid at Henry Newlands.
25 Tue. Travelled as far as Portlandville stayed over to attend Snider's convention. Menue at Lumfords tavern one of the best in the susquehannah valley, bill $1.50
26 Wed. Arrived at Bro. Alberts about 2 pm. (Rev. Albert Martin (Her sister Betsey's home.)
27. Thur. Cutter ride to Hallsville good sleighing and snow drifts plenty. Clear.
28. Fri. Rain. Did not stir from house but visited as best we know how.
29. Sat. Clear, pleasant, water standing in road yet sleighing goo Albert, Betsey, Charley, Clora and self went through Cherry Valley and called at Deacon Gordon's.
30 Sun. Bro Albert preached at L---- in am. and and in pm at Sout Valley. In evening self and Clora went to Clarksville and heard Elder Powers
31 Monday Horse has taken cold. Started for Otego. Dinner at Portland .62. Arrived at Uncle Nathan's (Birdsall) in evving. Pleasant visit

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Pages from the Diary of a Happy Bride.

Clora Amanda Martins diary is written in excellant English reflecting good education which was finished in the Madison Female Seminary. Her expressions reveal her intellinence and her christianity, but she was not blessed with physical beauty. She was over six feet tall, an unusual height for a woman in that day. Her features were quit plain. She had not attracted much attention from young men most of whom were shorter than she. It was generally agreeg in her family, and her sisters frequently reminded her that she sould remain single to take care of their parents and be available to help them when needed. She reveals her great joy when she is approached by oneof the most attractive young men of the village.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J. D. Bancroft,had married he cousin,Jane Martin. But poor Jane had died from obsterical complications with her first pregnancy. In his distress Oscar turned to Clora for solace. Her sympathy soonbecame love and their marriage brought unexpected joy to her heart. She wrote it so well in this fragment of her diary.

Diary follows on next page.

Clora gave her sons her great height, William and Clark at 6'3" were much taller than any prededing Bancroft. She gave much morethan this to our Bancroft heritage. She was a great wife and mother.

P.M.B.

Clora Amanda (Martin) Bancroft. Wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1 Sat. "As I open my new diary this evening I am reminded that so the new Year opens a new chapter in the book of life. The past is sealed up for the Judgement. O! That each day might record some worthy action and that the year just begun might be one of usefulness. Have spent the day at sister Elvira's."

2 Sun. "Attended meeting. Heard two discourses. In the morning Eld. A., from Jeremiah 28:16 a very appropriate and Solemn discourse. In the pm. Elder Merrill. In the evening had a pleasant interview with my dearest.

3 Mon. "Felt very much disappointed that I did not have an opportunity to go to meeting but had a precious season alone with my maker. Felt the sweet assurance that He would order all things." "Mary C. Ketcham came after meeting to stay all night."

4 Tue. "Snow has been falling slowly all day. My heart leaps with joybul emotions at the prospect of sleighing for "twill bring me something dearer than all on earth beside". Called on Miss Gilbert's school a short time."

5 Wed. "Have spent the day at home. Mary went away on business in the afternoon and left me alone with the children. In the evening my called to tell me he would carry me to Binghamton tomorrow."

6 Thur. "Awarm day, seems like spring. Went to Binghamton in a wagon, no prospect of sleighing. Had a very pleasant time. Every act of kindness and thoughtfulness on the part of my love increases the attachment to him. I fear it now is akin to idolatry. O! That I may love my Maker suprememly for his many mercies."

7 Fri."Spent the day at home sewing on the bridal dress. Bright anticipations cheer me at my work. I am aware it would be exceedingly indelicate for a lady to get impatient in such matters, no she must appear indifferent, else she would be thought wild. Went to sing at Mr. Patricks."

8 Sat. "Attended covenant meeting. There were but few there on account of the storm. But the spirit of the Lord was in our midst. Had a view of my utter unworthiness and my entire dependence on Christ for salvation. Tis sweet to trust in him."

9 Sun. "Cold. Attended meeting. Heard Eld. Hix. Lord's supper. Did not feel the solemnity ususal on such occassions. After meeting came over on the Hill with Bro. Stevens."

10 Mon. "The coldest day we have had this winter. Have been so busy sewing have hardly had time for thought.

11 Tue. "Another busy day. Have nearly finished my dress. Frederick's folks visited in in the evening. The severety of the weather has abated somewhat."

12 Wed. "Had finished my work and Bro. Stevens was about to bring me home when Albert and Betsey and Charley came. Staid on the Hill till evening when I cam home. Had a kind of family gathering here. My thoughts were with the absent. Wish all could have been here."

13 Thur. "Have been home most of the day. In the evening my own dearest one visited me. O! How much I do prize those interviews with the one who can appreciate and sympathize with all my feelings."

16 Sun. "Meeting. In the morning Albert Martin preached 'Have Faith in God'. In the afternoon Eld Merrill. Have indeed had a rich spiritual feast today. After meeting took supper with Dr. Bancroft with my brother Albert Martin (preacher) and B. Then Oscar carried them to Bro. Ls. and I went along." (B- Betsey, Albert's wife.)

17 Mon. "Have done a large washing today and feel rather weary to-night. but hard toil makes rest sweeter and the being snugly stowed away in confortable lodgings is delightful even in the prospective. I hasten to enjoy reality."

18 Tue. "Have had a pretty busy day. In the evening Oscar (Wm. Oscar Bancroft) called. We have decided not to wait for sleighing for the consummation of our plans. But to accompany Albert and Betsey on their way home."

20 Thur. "Started from home at 6 oclock in the am. Never witnessed a clearer sunrise or knew a better day for travel. Roads very smooth. Have this evening taken upon me the Marriage vows. May they everbe held inviolate. But O! How inefficient am I to perform the duties of a wife faithfully without aid from on High."

21 Fri. "It has snowed incessantly all day. Albert and Betsey started on their way this morning. We have been at Uncle Williams all day. Have enjoyed the visit much."

22 Sat. "Started from Uncle Williams in the morning and came to Cousin A. Shepherd's where we are to spend the night. "My heart's so full of joy I fear I shall do some wild extravagance of love in public and this foolish world which knows not tenderness will think me mad."

23 Sun. "Meeting in the morning in an old school house. Heard Uncle William preach from the text. "Will thou be made whole." After meeting had supper with William Shepherd's and came on to Ptego to hear Elder Church. Spending the night with Uncle William Shepherd."

24 Mon. "Staid at Uncle William's till after supper, enjoying a sing with Martin and Susan. Prize my new relatives highly. Came to H. Nowland's for tea. In the evening visited Elder Church with Martin and Susan. Spending the night at H. Nowland's."

25 Tue. "Came on to Portlandville where we stopped to attend Mr. Snider's convention in the afternoon and evening. Never was at a tavern that seemed so homelike. Think Miss Mumford the landlord's daughter, a fine lady. Formed some acquaintance with Mr. Snyder."

26 Wed. "Arrived at Albert's about 3 pm. Found them well and glad to see us. It seems almost like getting home again."

27 Thur. "Have not been out today. Spent the time quietly visiting. Female prayer meeting here in pm. Felt some freedome in addressing the Giver of All Mercies although among stangers. Think such meetings are profitable seasons."

28 Fri. "Storming. How can it be otherwise than pleasant where my dear - dear husband is and then to be with Betsey and Albert adds more to my happiness."

29 Sat. "Had a fine sleigh ride today. Went to Cherry Valley. Took supper at Deacon Gordan's, a very friendly family."

30 Sun. "Attended meeting in the Am at Lodi. Heard Albert preach. In the afternoon went to South Valley sleighing. In the evening heard Eld Jones."

31 Mon. "Had to bid Betsey good bye this morning and started for home. Could not help feeling sad to leave her. She needs me with her do much and yet I need my husband."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of William Oscar Bancroft.

1 Tue. "Stayed at Uncle Nathan's last night. Called at Mr. Coles and took dinner. Then came to Uncle Williams and spent the night. Am heartily glad the time is near for us to go home."

2 Wed. "Arrived at home at 7 pm and it seems better to get back than I expected it would. We recieved a hearty welcome from all, especially Katie."

3 Thur. "Have been sewing on a loose dress for sis, have enjoyed the day well. In the evening my husband unasked carried me up to Mary's. How much he cares for my happiness and how thoughtful to do more for me than I could ask. Letter from Zada."

4 Fri. "In the forenoon wrote to Zada. In the afternoon went to Afton, called at Cousin Eleanor's and attended Mr. Dort's concert in the evening."

5 Sat. "Have felt rather sad most of the day as many things remind me of dear Jane (Wm. Oscars first wife, her cousin) O! Why was she cut down so young and I left. She was so much better to fill the station than I, yet our heavenly father knows best. He doeth all things well."

6 Sun. "Attended meeting, heard Elder Hicx, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." Did not enjoy the excersizes as much as usual. I have not nerves strong enough to endure so many congratulations. Shall be glad when the novelty is over."

7 Mon. "Large washing today. Put up the curtains in the parlor."

8 Tue. "Our folks all went away in the morning to town meeting. I did not feel lonely. Mr. Manwarring came into prayer meeting in the evening."

10 Thur. "Called to see Edward Merrill*and at Elder Reynold's*"

11 Fri. "Mother and Oscar visited at Widow Dickinson's. I did not think it prudent to go out. Commenced a morning dress for mother. Singers here in the evening."

12 Sat. "Attended covenant meeting. good attendance."

13 Sun. "Went to meeting. Elder Merrill preached, 'Christ weeping over Jerusalem'."

14 Mon. "Spent the forenoon at the old home. Oscar went with me all through the house. Many dear recollections cluster around this dear spot. In the afternoon went to Irene's, found her in good health and spirits. Came home at eve."

15 Tue. "Ironed and worked around the house as mother has a stiff neck. Prayer meeting here in the evening. Never did I enjoy a sweeter season. I do love the society of Christians. This is my brightest evidence of adoption into the fold."

16 Wed. "Started to attend Mr. S. B. Brown's ordination at Maple Hill about 1 oclock. Did not reach there till time to attend evening meeting. Am spending the night at Deacon Reynold's."

17 Thur. "Sermon in the morning by Eli Jacob's. Witnesses an ordination for the first time. O! How many privileges I am permitted to enjoy. O! For wisdom to rightly improve them."

18 Fri. "Eld. Reynold's called in the morning. Went to the sing at Mr. Collington's in the evening. Very warm and muddy weather. Got letter from Betsey."

19 Sat. "Mother visited the school this afternoon. Mr. Moody and Miss Barnes took tea here."

20 Sun. "Rain. Few out to meeting. Eld. Reynold's preached. Laid the subject of his removal to Hancock before the church."

21 Mon. "Washed. Cousin Warren here to dinner. Pasted in scrap book."

22 Tue. "Enjoyed the day much. Spent in with my husband in our room mostly. Wrote Betsey. Attended prayer meeting at Manwarrings. Mr. Moody and Mr. Barnes are spending the night here."

23 Wed. "Lovely morn. Walked up to Mary's in preference to riding. Helped her all day cooking, etc. Oscar came after me at evening and took tea with Mary. Brought our things that were down home. Feel pretty tired."

24 Thur. "At home. Ironed and arranged things. Mr. Manwarring called to sing in the evening."

25 Fri. "Attended the auction sale at Mary's, helped wait upon the company. Had a pleasant time. Five sisters of us were there and Freda and Eliza. Had not expected to! see Irene. When we got home found the singer's here."

26 Sat. "At home. Sewed some on mother's dress. Eld. Merrill spent the afternoon here."

27 Sun. "Heard Elder Merrill preach from the text, "Ye must increase but I must decrease."

28 Mon. "Washed. At home well and happy."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1 Tue. "Visited at Elvira's with Lois and Bro. Stevens. Mother went with us. Had a pleasant time. Had some new Maple molasses and warm sugar."

2 Wed. "Finished mother's dress. Mr. Edwin Green was here to dinner. Mr Manwarring in the evening."

3 Thur. "A stormy day. At home all day. Though unpleasant without it cannot disturb the peace and cheerfulness within."

4 Fri. "Went to Nineveh to do some trading. Went up to Mary's to spend the night."

5 Sat. "Spent my day at home. Oscar spent the afternoon with me in our room reading and visiting. O! How kind is my heavenly father for giving me so congenial a companion and O! may I be kept from placing my affections too much upon him."

6 Sun. "Oscar mailed a letter to Lucy Pope. Elden Reynolds preached. Irene has a little daughter born yesterday. Aunt Mima came home with us after meeting to spend the night."

7 Mon. "Oscar mailed a letter to Sanford. (Samuel Sanford Martin) Washed. Felt bad some to hear the false reports which are spread about my husband. But what matters it what the world may say of us while we are so happy."

8 Tue. "Ironed in the morning. In the afternoon went over to assist Mrs. Reynolds about her ironing. Oscar came over to tea. Prayer meeting here in the evening."

9 Wed. "We are having fine spring weather. Came over to Fredericks to spend the night. Visited till 1:30 am."

10 Thur. "Started from Fredericks about 11 oclock am, called on Bro. Stevens then went over to Irene's to see the baby. Got home about 2 oclock.

11 Fri. "Dressed some dolls for Cora and Lucy. Marian Burrow's called on me. Cut out two shirts for Oscar."

12 Sat. "Covenant meeting. A dull meeting. Lois called. Letter from Betsey."

13 Sun. "Attended meeting. Eld. Reynolds preached. His farewell sermon. After meeting the Lord's supper. Mr. Hoyt preached the funeral of E. Dickin's little boy scalded to death. In the evening went to hear a colored man at the Chapel."

14 Mon. "Washed, ironed and feel pretty well. Wrote Betsey."

15 Tue. "At home all day sewing on Oscars shirts. Frank and Dora Reynolds were here to tea. Mrs. Reynold's called.

16 Wed. "Witnessed the closing excersizes of Miss Barnes school. Called at A. Tyrrell's. Got home to find H. Merrill and wife and Deacon Pearsall. The two Mrs. Richards called in the evening and staid to tea. I went over to Mr. Richards a little while. I went over to Mrs. Merrills.

17 Thur. "Visited at Lewis Humaston's with mother. Have felt very anxious to know what our duty is in regard to staying in Harpursville. Oscar recieved a letter from Pawling, has decided to go there one month on trial."

18 Fri. "Oscar has had a dreadful head ache all day and this afternoon has been sick in bed. The two Mrs. Humphreys visited here this afternoon. Eld. Reynolds folks started for Hancock. It has been a stormy day."

19 Sat. "Mr. Stevens and Lois visited here, also Warren and Ann. Uncle Harry dined here. Stormy day. Oscar's head ache continues."

20 Sun. "No meeting at our church today. Spent a quiet day at home."

21 Mon. "Commenced washing this morning and had just got the clothes rubbed out when I had to give up and go to bed. Feel much better tonight. Orrin Humphrey * and wife came to spend the evening."

22 Tue. "Rainey day. Came over to Fredericks to meeting of the singing circle. Had some warm sugar. Decided to stay all night. Called Uncle Harry's when we were coming over. Margaret Merrill is with us."

23 Wed. "Came home in the morning. Father and mother visited at Merrill's this afternoon. Finished Oscars shirts."

24 Thur. "Staid home today. Mr. Patrick was here settling with Oscar. Wrote Zada. Rain."

25. Fri. "Ironed. Have not felt very well. Mrs. Ruggles called."

26 Sat. "Received a letter from Betsey. Frederick's folks called here in the afternoon.

27 Sun. "Elder Merrill preached. Have felt very sad because Oscar has to leave us tomorrow. How can I be left alone even for a few weeks. I, above all others, need some one to advise and council."

28 Mon. "The forenoon was spent in helping Oscar pack his trunk and about 1 oclock he took the stage and left us so alone. I have endeavored to use reason and be cheerful."

29 Tue. "Arose before six. Breakfast and washing and mopping done before noon. Worked on pillows this afternoon. Rain. Wrote to Oscar. Feel so unreconciled to his being away. I cannot bear to think of retiring, silly I know."

30 Wed. "Started for Mary's at 9½ oclock and visited there all day. Mother Caty and I went with Mrs. Patrick, had a good visit and walked home. Called at Betsey Chaffee. G. W. Smith here for night."

31 Thur. "Ironed in the morning. In p. m. Mother Caty and I visited at Mr. Humphreys. I am so lonesome. Not fit for visiting or anything else. Dr. Perry's folks had a little daughter born last night. Father went up to Elder Keech's in the evening. Mr. Stevens carried me over on the hill. Called at Mary's."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1 Fri. "Mr. Stevens carried me over on the hill. Called a while at Mary's and Irenes then went down to stay all night at Uncle D's with Hattie. I agreed to give $3.00 for a pair of canaries."

2 Sat. "Hattie went up to Lois's with me. Oh, how much it seemed like the day's of old to walk up across the lots with Hattie. Found Uncle James at Shreff's. Father, mother and C. came over in the afternoon and brought Mary and her children. Got my canaries home."

3 Sun. "Attended Prayer meeting. Few out."

4 Mon. "Washed and cleaned pantry. Received a letter from my dear husband."

5 Tue. "Wrote to Betsey in the A,M. Lois called and took dinner. Went to the funeral of Mrs. L. Tyyrell which was held at the Baptist house. Mr. Hoit preached. Luroz and Irene came after the funeral to tea. Went over to Lois Humaston to watch with the babe."

6 Wed. "Came home in A.M. Helped about the house. Elder Merrill called. Got another letter from Oscar."

7 Thur. "Wrote to Oscar and also to Hannah Hartshorn."

8 Fri. "Mrs. Guy at home. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Vosburg visited."

9 Sat. "Cousin William Henry Birdsall came with his newly married wife. Did not go to Covenant meeting. Lois, Elvira, Fred and Eliza called after meeting. I am so lonely. Letter from Sanford."

10 Sun. "Attended meeting in A.M. Elder Gales from "Lean ye first----" It is so hard to entertain the cousins now. Oscar is away. I fear I have not got much patience."

11 Mon. "William Henry and wife were detained by the rain. I like cousin Eliza very much. The P.M. have been sewing. Disappointed no letter from Oscar."

12 Tue. "Washed and cleaned the kitchen. Oscar came unexpected at 4 P.M. Joy inexpressable. T'is one year today since father died. How sad was that day. The future seemed dark indeed. Now full of hope. What a varied life is ours."

13 Wed. "Very warm. Attended the funeral of old Mr. Merrill. Been happy today."

16 Sat. "Ironed and sewed carpet rags. Elder Leach called and Mr. Manwarring and wife spent the evening."

17 Sun. "Attended meeting. Elder Leach preached from the text, "I am set for a defense of the gospel."

18 Mon. "Washed mopped etc."

19 Tue. "Ironed cut carpet rags and called on Marian. After tea father harnessed dolly before the buggy and I drove to Nineveh after Oscar. Good ride."

20 Wed. "Not very well. Mr. Steven's folks came along and I went up to Nineveh with them to see Oscar in reference to selling the farm. Called at Mr. Humphrey's. They leave in the A.M. Elder Merrill called."

21 Thur. "Had a very hard cold. Wrote to Betsey."

22 Fri. "My cold no better. Kept my bed part of day. Wrote to Zada."

23 Sat. "Rain. Feel better. Father and Mother to Nineveh to funeral of Mrs. McFarland. Snow. Oscar sent home a new calico dress for me."

24 Sun. "Did not think it prudent to go to meeting."

25. Mon. "Helped about the washing."

26 Tue. "Went over to Frederick with father and mother. Came home in the rain and had a sick head ache."

27 Wed. "At home sick. Elder Leach and Mrs. Guy called. Letter from Betsey."

28 Thur. "Feel better. Visited at Elder Leaches with mother and Katie. Letter from Zada. Up to Nineveh with Oscar and got two pairs of shoes, pair of cotton gloves Vephyr worsted."

29 Fri. "Ironed etc. Elder Leach called took dinner with us."

30 Sat. "Finished my new calico dress. Feel better."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft.

1 Sun. "Prayer meeting in fore noon. After tea went for a walk with Oscar. Very pleasant. Nature is just awakening. Buds bursting. Wild flowers in profusion. My Husband is indeed a congenial person."

2 Mon. "Washed and cleaned mothers bed room. Beautiful day."

3 Tue. "Called at Mr. Richards, Orson Marches and Dr. Guy. Went up after Oscar in the evening. Frank Edgerton has a son born today. Letter from Hannah Hartshorn."

4 Wed. "Mother and myself visited at Elder Merrills, Katie stayed at Mr. Patricks. We called at Mr. Patricks."

5 Thur. "Rode up to Mary's in the morning when Oscar went after a load of shigles. Stayed all day and walked down at evening."

6 Fri. "Spent the day at home cleaning. Rode up after Oscar."

7 Sat. "Attended covenant meeting. Few came."

8 Sun. "Went to prayer meeting. Just at eve rode out with Oscar up the creek."

9 Mon. "Got washing out. Sewed carpet rags. Went after Oscar. Brought home a hooped skirt."

10 Tue. "Rain. Oscar did not go to Nineveh till after dinner. Fitted a dress for mother."

11 Wed. "Home. Ironed. Put carpet down etc."

12 Thur. "Went in A.M. to Nineveh to look at rooms to rent. Finished mothers dress."

13 Fri. "Home. Made new sunbonnet."

14 Sat. "At home. Made me a sack from old dress."

15 Sun. "Attended prayer meeting in A.M. Mr. Manwarring called to sing after tea. In evening rode upper to Elder Leaches to carry them some veal. Enjoyed riding with my husband."

16 Mon. "Washed and cut carpet rags. After tea drove to Nineveh with Oscar to call at Henry's. Rain."

17 Tue. "There is joy beyond all that which the minister has told. When two are linked in one heavenly tie, with heart never changing brow never cold. Love on thru all ills and on till they die."

18 Wed. "Not very well. Oscar came home at noon and we went over to Mr. Stevens. Rained. Staid for the night."

19 Thur. "Came home in A.M. Widow Colis Allen was buried today. Mother brought company home with her. Mary staid till I carried her home."

20 Fri. "Tended the funeral of Mr. Edgar Dickinson. Mr. Hoyt preached. Had several calls. Uncle James staid to dinner."

21 Sat. "Home. Finished Faties apron."

22 Sun. "Attended prayer meeting after which Harry and Caroline called. Oscar and I walked part way home with them. Fine walk."

23 Mon. "Washed mopped and colored copperas."

24 Tue. "Went to Nineveh in fore noon to look at house. Ironed etc."

25 Wed. "Cleaned back room. Cut carpet rags etc. Hot day. Green currants for tea. Father went to Oxford."

26 Thur. "Cut carpet rags. Wrote to Osborn Bump. Warm."

27 Fri. "Home well and happy."

28 Sat. "Letter from Hattie."

29 Sun. "Heard Elder Oliver two discourses. He took tea here."

30 Mon. "Washed etc. Called at Uncle Harry's. They moved over today."

31 Tue. "Ironed in A.M. Mr. S called and I rode up to Mary's with him. Rained. Staid till Oscar came for me. Elder Reynolds here for the night.

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1 Wed. "Mrs. Patrick, Edgeton and Blakesley visited."

2 Thur. "Wrote to Hattie and Betsey. Mrs. Manwarring visited. Mrs. Guy called. Father brought in ripe strawberries."

3 Fri. "At home. Called at Uncle Harry's."

4 Sat. "Cold day. Miss Catharine Merrill came in afternoon to spend the night. In the evening went with her to Methodist prayer meeting."

5 Sun. "Attended the funeral of old Mr. Collington. Cold."

6 Mon. "Frost. Injured gardens and blighted the fruit. Have washed today."

7 Tue. "At home. Worked about house and let mother sew. Oscar went to Binghamton and did not get home till near midnight."

8 Wed. "Rain. Oscar went to Nineveh in afternoon."

11 Sat. "Went to Nineveh in A.M. and got Catie a bonnett."

12 Sun. "Went to meeting. After serman bible class and the ordination of supper."

13 Mon. "Rain. Washed."

14 Tue. "Twisted carpet warp. Very warm."

15 Wed. "Twisted warp. Warm."

16 Thur. "Not very well."

17 Fri. "Home twisting, ironing etc."

18 Sat. "Twisted in a.m. in afternoon mother, Katie and myself Bro. Stevens. Went strawberrying. Went to Irene's to spend the night. Good visit."

19 Sun. "Rode over home with Bro Stevens. Two discourses."

20 Mon. "Rained. Did not wash. Elder Leach spent most of the forenoon here and took dinner with us. Sent Betsy's things to her by him. Rained hard."

21 Tue. "I was awaked by Oscars coming in this morning for breakfast."

25 Sat. "Spent the day at Nineveh papering the sitting room. Am very happy in the prospect of having a home of our own."

29 Wed. "To Binghamton early, warm day. Rained. Could not come home with furniture. Night with Warren and Ann."

30 Thur. "Ann rode home with us."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

2 Sat. "Went to Nineveh in am. papered the kitchen."

3 Sun. "Attended prayer meeting. Few present."

4 Mon. "Washed and sewed carpet. To Nineveh to see fire works and baloon assention."

5 Tue. "Mrs. Eliakim Welson was burried yesterday. Her funeral today. Went to Nineveh and put down carpet in kitchen."

6 Wed. "Moved today. Words cannot express my gratitude to my maker. We are very happy."

7 Thur. "Father and mother came up in the afternoon to bring some things and stayed to tea. Eliza and Mrs. Tyrrell called. Washed windows and cleaned house."

8 Fri. "Cleaned house. Prety warm. I feel tired. Picked ripe rasberries."

9 Sat. "Warm, Mr. Stevens and Lois called. Mother and Kattie came for me to go to Covenant meeting. Elder Covey there Staid all night at H."

10 Sun. "Attended meeting. Elder Covey. Lords supper. returned home in evening."

11 Mon. "Cleared the sitting room and put down carpet. My heart overflows with happiness."

12 Tue. "Cleaned kitchen bedroom. Mother and Catie came up for the afternoon. We went home with them."

13 Wed. "Packed a load and came home with it. Hot weather."

17 Sun. "Meeting. Leach preached."

18 Mon. "Washed. Paperd some in living room."

19 Tue. "Mrs. A. Edgerton and Mrs. Healy called."

20 Wed. "Mrs. Scott, neighbor called. To Harperville to help making current wine and jelly. Cattie came home with us to stay till Saturday."

21 Thur. "Mrs. H. Edgerton Scot and Catharine Merritt called. Brother Stevens came at night to bring Patty. Hear the cheering intelligence that Betsey is the mother of a perfect boy."

22 Fri. "Oscar started early this morning to carry Hattie to Otego. on way to Albert's. He has not returned. Feel lonesome."

23 Sat. "Oscar came home about noon bringing Aunt Susan Peircy. After dinner we all went down to Harpursville. Do not feel very well. Need strength from on high to fill my station as wife."

28 Thur. "Went over to Brother Stevens to dinner. Huckleberring. Went to Irenes and got cherries and took tea. Aunt Susan and Catie went with me."

29 Fri. "Oscar to fathers to help in hay field. I spent the day at Harpursville. Called at Uncle H. and on Br. Manwarring and Mrs. L. Eldred."

31 Sun. "Went to Harpursville and heard a young Br. by the Wright. I have an interesting class in the Sabbath school. But owe how ill am I prepared to instruct them out of God's holy word."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1 Thur. "Father brought Mary here to stay a few days. Good day."

2. Fri. "Had a good deal of pain."

3 Sat. "Ditto."

7 Wed. "Bro. Stevens and Lois came. Took dinner and carried Mary home. Improving."

15 Thur. "Catharine Merritt and niece visited. Hard frost."

18 Sun. "Attended meeting. Elder Leach preached."

19 Mon. "Washed and baked. Mother, Caty and Mary Jones came to tea."

20 Tue. "Rain. Elder Church and wife and mother from Otego here for dinner. Went to fair at Harpursville in the pm.

21 Wed. "To Windsor at attend Association. Rained. Heard Elder Everts. and Elder Leach. Night with Mrs. Hulberts."

22 Thur. "Attended meeting. Elder Jacobs preached. In pm. conference meeting. To Harpursville, staid all night."

23 Fri. "Came home for breakfast. Baked bread and ironed. Almira and Emile Edgerton called in evening."

29 Thur. "Unwell. Mrs. Leach and Mother here."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

2 Sun. "Unable to attend meeting. Oscar went to hear Mr. Hoyt."

3 Mon. "Fredericks folks visited here."

4 Tue. "Washed, baked and so forth. Feel better.

5 Wed. "Went down to Harpursville for most of the day."

6 Thur. "Olive Eng. and Julia Edgerton called."

7 Fri. "Mrs. Julia Edgerton and Amy Smith visited. Mrs. Bush called."

10 Mon. "Washed."

11 Tue. "Albert and Betsey came to dinner."

16 Sun. "Went to Harpursville to meeting. Elder Covey and Albert preached."

17 Mon. "Washed windows. Pickled pears etc. Feel well and light hearted. Have everything to make me happy if I have God's approving smile."

18 Tue. "Went over to Uncle Daniels to visit with Albert and Betsey. Singers there in the evening.

19 Wed. "Went down to Harpursville and helped our folks till after dinner and then came home and made some preparations for Albert and Betsey and family. They came at 6:30 pm."

20 Thur. "Alberts folks started for home about 11:00 oclock."

23 Sun. "Tended meeting at Harpursville."

24 Mon. "Washed."

31 Mon. "Mr. Stevens and Lois came. Visited. Bode with them to Mary's. Oscar came for me at night."

Clora (Martin) Bancroft, wife of Wm. Oscar Bancroft

8 Tue. "Irene made her first visit. Mother and Caty came home with Oscar from election to spend 2 or 3 days with us."

9 Wed. "Visited Julia Edgerton and in p.m. surprise party at Harvey Mason's."

10 Thur. "Visited with mother at Mr. Merritt's. Oscar carried Mother and Sis home and brought Hatty back."

25 Fri. "Little William Franklin Edgerton died."

27 Sun. "Attended funeral of Little Willie."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
1859
February.
1. Tue. Called at George Colle's, took dinner, went to Uncle William Birdsalls where I met with Martin Shepherd
2. Wed. Started for home 9 am. Pleasant day and mostly good wheeling. Our whole journey has been very favorable. The Lord be praised. Give us thankful hearts.
3. Thur. /Rufus Chamberlain staid with us last night. Spent the day in doctoring horse.. Self and Clora called at Widow Blakslee's
4. Fri. Paid Jesse Brown for mending Clora's shoes.18 Went to Afton to attend a council by George F. Root and others
5 Sat. Called on Edward Merrill who was very badly injured by a saw log falling on him, while we were basent north. Attended club meeting.
6 Sun. Rev. E Hicks preached one sermon. Passable sleighing.
7 Mon. Wrote letter to Wesley stark. Copied Accounts etc.
8 Tue. Went to Town meeting. Pa and Ma visited at Corbidry's? Democratic Supervisor and assessor and 2 candidates elected. The rest of the Republican ticket.
9 Wed. Had Dort's hay rigging and abd drew about ½ a ton of Brizzee. South wind and thaw. Had sleigh repaired at A & M. Shop.
10 Thur. Cold windy day. Called at Eld Reynolds and Ed. Merrills with Clora.
11 Fri. Took Mother down to Mor on Dickmans? Bought 5 bu of ears of corn. Settled up with Stanley Mason and Caleb Knopp (Masson)
12, Sat. Attended Covenant meeting am. excellent meeting. A child of 8 years received as candidate for baptism/
13. Elder A.P.Merrill preached a discourse, communion. Went over to the Stevens. Good sleighing back from the river.
14. Mon. Paid Stevens for pasturing one yearling. .75 Two year old $1.20
15 Tue. Cold windy day. Warren here to dinner. Wrote Albert and Betsey.
16. Wed. Drawed two loads of Brizzee hay
17 Thur. Self and Clora started yesterday to attend the ordination of S.P.Brown at Maple Hill. Staid overm night at Deacon Reynolds.
18 Fri. Went with father Martin and Warren to Alonzo Ferguson's .Received of D. W. Pearsoll for fathers beef hide $4.05, mothers butter $17.40 . Singers met at Geo. Collingtons.
19. Sat. Bought a village lot from Annis B. Shiffen
$40.00 note due in 6 months
40.00 " " 12 "
20 " " 1 "
99.10 cash down
80.90 on Mudge mortgage.
Borrowed $100.00 of parsonage money.

William Oscar Bancroft
1859
February 20
20. Sun. Received letters from Betsey and Albert. &
J.D.Pope and Lucy. J.D.Pope preached one sermon.
Reynold preached one sermon. Notified the church he expects
to leave them
21 Mon. Warm mud deep. ,Warren here at dinner.
22 Tue. Sawed wood. Mr. Moody and Miss Barnes came here and
stayed over night.
23 Wed. Clora went up to widow Blakslee. Went after her in the
evening. Moved her melodian, bed and had her stone oven
lined. Sold Barlow work bench.
24 Thur. Stockwell the timmer soldered sundry articles.
25 Fri. Attended widow Mary Blakslees auction as clerk.
Sister susan Collington visited mother
26 Sat. A.P.Merrill came
27 Sun. A.P.Merrill preached in AM.
28 Mon. Worked at the wood pile and assisted with the
wash.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
March 1859
1. Tue. Mother, Clora a nd I visited at brother Sornberger's.
(Cloras sister Elvira married Sidney Sornberger.)
In company with brother and sister Stevens. Cloras sister Lois was wife of John Stevens.)
Uncle Peter Martin robbed last night.
2. Wed. Split wood and carried into shed. Head;ache,
3. Thur. Southerly ice storm. Wrote in my room and visited with Clora.
4. Father Martin called to dinner. Self and Clora went to Nineveh. to trade. Caty received a letter from cousin Tator. (Sarah)
5. Sat. Self and Clora went up and staid with Mary Ann last night Mary Ann a sister of Clora's who m Marcus Blakslee)
6 Sun. Lent D. F. Leach for Henry $15.00. (repaid)
Irene had daughter born last night. (Frances Irene, Clora's sister, wife of LeRoy Tyrrell.
7 Mon. Gemlina K. staid here over night. Sent letter to Rev. S.S. Martim, F. D. Pope and Hon. O.G.Bump. Bought large Scythe stone.
8 Tue. Called at Elder R. and took Tea with Clora. Prayer meeting here.
9. Wed. To Nineveh and to D.L.Kelley's
10. Thur. Went to F. W. Martins with Clora. Called at Elvira's and Mary Ann's. Uncle Henry Called (May have been Henry Pierce Birdsall) Dwight Manwarring into Harrington house
11 Fri. J.D.B. credit for E.B. St Johns note for $9.87
12 Sat. Clora credit by cash borrowed $10.00
Paid D. Shiffer note of $20.00 less 6 shillings (75) for recording satisfaction of mortgage and interest on $260.00. Sister D.F.Leach returned cash bond for $15.00
13. Sun. Elder R. preached in am. Communion in p,m. Heardz college minister at Methodist House. Funeral of E.M. Dickinson Child, 1½ yrs old. Scalded to death
14 Mon. Went to Nineveh
15 Tue. Went down to William Brizzees. Lewis Alexander had father's carriage to Binghamton. Sent over parsonage deeds. Shiffen deeds and satisfaction of S. Mortgage. Recording $1.00
16 Wed. Committee met and settled with Eld. Reynolds. They paid him nearly $70 for nine sermons and he feels very much dissatisfied because they were not willing to obligate themselves to pay him $90.00
17 Thur. Received letter from Stark in just season to break up a bargain we were just closing with LeRoy Kelley. Attended excersizes of Miss Barnes school. M. and Clora visited at L. Humaston's. Settled with Mr. S.M and Eld. R.
18 Fri Wrote tl Stark flr Clora. Was attaked by severe catarrhal head ache (Catarrrhal nervous headache). Found my dear wife a careful efficient , attentive nurse for all which blessings God be praised.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft dia y, March 1859.

March

19 Sat. Father Martin, Warren, Anne and brother Stevens and wife took dinner at our house. Ira Martin farm sold at auction for 2200.or 14.00 per acre. to a Mr. Cooley of Guilford. Warren paid $70.00 on Eld. R.s salary

20 Sun. No meeting. The nervous pain over my eye was so severe. I did not think it prudent to go out today. Would that I could love God more and serve him bett r.

21 Mon. Settled with O.D.Beaman. Total charge for Family and Bancroft and Martin $9.88

22 Tue. Started with Clora for Maggie Merrill to attend one of Riley Williams sings at Bro Fredericks. Had warm sugar. Called at Father Martins.

23 Wed. Arrived home about ½ past 10 am. Parents went to hear Merrills. Paid O.D.Beman 12/ ($1.50 for wifes ring.

24 Thur. Peeping frogs heard. Spent the day settling with E.P.

25 Fri. Received 4/ from E.P. for acknowledgement of deed. Heard Prof. Cunningham returned to the Academy. Good.

26 Sat. Reveived of Manwaring on contract $50.00 Fred Martin and wife visited. Paid O. Marsh on E.P.'s note of $82.50 dated Nov. 9, 1855 to date $19.50.

27 Sun. Heard Bro Merrill preach a good discourse after which was a short conference meeting.

28 Mon. Closing books. Due self $97.63

29. Tue. Had a pleasant ride thru many new scenes. In the evening visited the capitol (State) heard remarks from Sen. Drier, Foreman and others. Lodged at Adams house.

30 Wed. Arrived at Pauling a little before 11 am. Saw Judge Edmunds the spiritualist on the cars

31 Thur. Note to Clora. Went up to Dover Plains on Sherriff business. Cars thrown off track and badly broken.

Wm. Oscar Bncroft, son of Dr. J.D.BancrOft
April 1859
1. Friday Clear Cold Wind,
3. Sun. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. Called on Lydia Pearce.
4 Mon. Cash made about $80.?
5 Tue. 9 acres of tobacco yield about $1900
8 Fri. Left Pauling for N.Y. i pm. Met Edgerton at the Paceific hotel
9 Sat. Assisted Edgerton in purchasing goods. Called on L. Birdsall at the custom house.
10 Sun, Church
11.Mon Left city 5 pm. Cars off the track at Port Johns. arrived Deposit 1 am.
12. Tue. Edmund Merrills died at 5 am. Took dinner at Mr Edgertons. Arrived home 4 pm.
13 Wed. Self and Clora attended Merrills funeral.
14 Fri.$40 borrowed of Clora.
16 Sat. Spent the day at Nineveh. 2 meals at Edgerton's. Guy and Perry paid $100.00 for land contract and gave note for interest $32, Manwarring and wife called.
17 Sun.Eld D. F. Leach one sermon.
18 Mon. Engaged board at W.H. Scotts
19 Tue. Clora came up after me. Enjoyed it very much. Mr. Rolfe offers $7,000.00 for Martin Sabin? [illegible]
20 Wed. Paid Edgerton $20.00 H.W. Mayhew tried for selling liquor without a license.
21.Thus.Enos Hicks paid $5.00 for Bancroft and Martin. Mrs. A. McFarland died last night at Jr. Minitts. (Geo. Merritts?)
22 Fri. Finished paying F. Edgerton $1,000. Gave due bill over. Father came after me.
23 Sat. Father and mother at store.
24 Sun. Elder Leqch preached.
25 Mon. Allowed Mrs. Briggs 6 cents for 8 eggs.
26 Tue/ Semi weekly tribune and Chronicle
30 Sat. Edwin Hovy paid 72.00 on note bought of Abram Kark. and I gave up his note and also 19 cents on his fathers.

William Oscar Bancroft, son od Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1859
May
1. Sun. Prayer meeting at Baptist church.
3 Tues. Frank Edgerton had a fine boy born about 4 pm. Wt. 91/8 lbs. His wife went to Coventry this morning. Horace Merrills fine for getting drunk and abusing his horse $2.00
4 Wed. Frank has been settling with Merlin Jackson for estates.5
5. Thur. Left N.K. Wiliam's note for $1371 due April 2, 1858 and $4.25 cash with H. Martin for 15 bunches of shingles.
6. Fri. Received of S. Wilcox on Elder Reynolds matter $6.54
7 Sat. 87° in shade.
8. Sun. Prayer meeting.
9 Mon. Paid father $3.00 on parsonage matter.
10.Tue. Absent from store ½ day.
11 Tue.
12 Wed. Self and Clora called at R. Bush, Edgerton's and Healeys
13 Fri. Apple trees in bloom
14 Sat. Lilacs in bloom. Had rhubarb pie.
15. Sun. Prayer meeting.
16 Mon. Offered $1600.00 for Scotts lower house. Called on Uncle Henry.
17 Tue. Bancroft and Martin's note due. Paid 16.61
18 Wed. Sales during the month of April about $1200.00
Purchased during the month $2500.00
Father went to Uncle Henry's after hay. Went with Clora to brother Stevens.
22 Sunday. Harty Martin Jr. and Carriecalled.
24 Tue. Self and wife stopped at Mrs. A. Edgerton'S
Father took colt to Mr. Stevens to pasture.
25 Wed. Father went to Oxford after plaster and Firkin for Mother.
28 Sat. Ezra Bump and a Mr. Nott wishing us to sign for a Gazeteer map of the State, Price $10.00
29 Sun. Elder Alleben preached
30 Mon. Blackberries in blosssom
31. Tue. Went up to Mary Anns with Clora. Called at Father Martins. Elder Reynolds staid over night with us.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft
1859
June.
1. Wed. Aron at L went to Center village called on E.P. Northrop about the mortgage. Took E. P. Northrups note for $7213 and $1ooo.oo cash and gave up the bond and mortgage
2. Thur. Borrowed $1000.00 from Bancroft and Martin and paid my note to Edgerton amounting to $1012.64. Had ripe strawberries.
5 Sun. Attended funeral of old Mr. Collington, Hoyte preached.
7 Tue. Went to Binghamton after flour. Took dinner with Warren and supper with E. Shear.
8 Wed. Unloaded flour in pm.
9 Thur. Albert to Binghamton.
10 Fri. signed contract for Scotts property. He is to give possession as soon as possible
11 Sat. Albert returned from Binghamton in pm. Thought I could not consistently attend Covenant meeting The year past has sadly blighted the prospects of the farmers.
12 Sun. Elder Allaker preached. Communion in the pm.
13 Monday. Paid G.S. Oncher in distributing t staments to the soldiers. Self and mother went to Grannip to get his mortgage exchanged.
14 Tue. Fe.E. to Coventry to Rev. I. A. ~~Pears~~ Rease and G.D.Pope and G.A.G. Birdsall
15 Wed. Book account Sales $1032.67
cash " 461.96
Barter
18 Sat. Paid 4/ for fireworks at Nineveh.
19 Sun. D.F.Leach preached. Clora staid at LeRoy Tyrrells last night (Frances Irene (Martin) Tyrrell) is Clora's youngest sister.
2o Mon. Settled with D.F. Leach. He paid $24.99 balance on my note. I gave him $2.00 donation.
21 Tue. So rainey I was obliged to stay at Nineveh.
22. Wed. Mrs. Edgerton Moved today. Interest begins from this date.
23 Thur. H.P.Birdsallmpaid Bancroft and Martin note $15.38
24 Fri. Worked at my new home. Paid Scott $100.00 on contract. Bond of Bancroft and Martin $39.00
25 Sat. Self and Clora papered dinning room. Father worked with us
26 Sun. Rev. Allaber preached.
28 Tue. E.M.Brown charges $12 for work and seed in garden at the rate of 8/ ($1.00) a day
29. Wed. Self and Clora started for Binghamton for furniture. Had a small beer at the Hotel
30. Satd at Warren E. Martins

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Son of Dr. J. D. Bancroft.
Nineveh,N.Y.

1 Tue."Commenced boarding Russel. Recieved of John D. Bancroft (father) to pay taxes $10.00 Paid Mrs. M. E. Scott* on milk had last summer 6/ (sic shillings = 75¢) Went to Harpursville after Josephine."

2 Wed."Went to Jasper Fuller's* visiting with a company E. Patrick and wife, J.D.B., L.H.M., L.M. Wright & L.

3 Thur."Russel abxent from board 3 meals. Absent from the store one day. Snow. Uncle Henry returned $5.00."

4 Fri."Attended fast.meeting at Harpursville, Eld Wright and A.P.Merrills preached."

5 Sat."H.W.Mayhew note due $30.00
Paid J.D.B's taxes 7.96
Paid my taxes 7.05
Paid Mrs. M.A.Blakeslee* for table $8.00
Mr. Stevens and Lois and Hattie to dinner."

6 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon after which he left for Maryland, Otsego County, N,Y. to see his daughter lying at the point of death."

7 Mon."Received 8/ frpm John Martin on minutes. Self wife Frank and Julia Went up to Rufus Chamberlain for a visit."

8 Tue,"Russel left after breakfast. Frank and wife went to E. Patricks's

9 Wed,"Lent H.P.Birdsall for 6 months $50.00, Harry Martin to take the note on Warren's mother. Father and mother to dinner, went to Uncle Henry's."

10.Thur."Bought book of William Keelin to be credited on account 3/. Attended the funeral of Ira Christian's child at Methodist Chapel. Snow."

11 Fri."

12 Sat."Attended covenant meeting".

13 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. Vdry cold, 6° below zero."

14 Mon."Albert to Afton to get his coat cut. Snow. Ella Patrick came over."

15 Tue."Went to H. R. Tyrrell's after money for My Patrick left note for $100.00. Received only 35. Thaws."

16 Wed."Rained. Dull day for business. Charles Pratt com= menced drawing wood. I load, one cord."

17 Thur,"Two loads of wood. F.E. to Bainbridge. 1½ days. Self to Binghamtpn 1½ days

18 Fri."Started for Binghamton at noon. Went to E Shean to tea. Hattie went with us to Calvin Langdons to stay over night."

19 Sat." Paid for chair and stools $1.00
" " reticule 1.62
" " likeness .75
" " horse keep .20
" " rattle box .25
" " paper .03
" " Standard 1.50

20 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon at Harpursville and one at Nineveh. Sidney Manwarring's sister and Miss Smith staid with us overnight."

21 Mon."Went to Harpusville and to mill for store with our team. Russel to tea. Fixed locks on doors."

22 Tue."Russel started for Tompkins County. Robinson cr. for $5.00."

23 Wed."Donation at Mr. Collington's for Eld Wright, gifts of cash $50.00, all else $25.00
For Mr. McHugh cash $35.00 all else $30.00.
I gave $2.00 and $1.50 respectively."

24 Thur." & wife paid us a visit. Snow drifted to the tills." (the shafts)

25 Fri."sick a half day"

27 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. Took tea with us at fathers (J.D.B at Harpursville) Went up to Mary Ann's in the evening, she being very sick.

28 Mon."Wife and baby both sick with a cold."

29 Tue."Wife went to L.L.Scott's quilting. Drove up to Mary Ann's

30 Wed."Windy. Russel arrived home."

31 Thur,"(Mary Ann is Mrs. Blakeslee, sister of Clora (Wm. Oscar Bancroft's wife.

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Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr. J. D. Bancroft. 207

1 Fri."Posted books."

2 Sat."H.P.Birdsall borrowed $20.00 of store. Russel in store, Albert absent.

3 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon." Father went to Uncle Henry's (Henry Birdsall, his mothers brother.) to go to Norwich as witness.

4 Mon."Self and mother started for Otego. Drove to Uncle Nathan's in 4½ hours. (Nathan Birdsall of Otego)

5 Tue."Called at William Henry's (William Henry Birdsall) Went to semiannual meeting of Franklin Academy, Was dissappointed in not hearing Eld. Covey. Dinner at H. Newland's, went up to Uncle William's. L. E. to Caucus.

6 Wed."Took dinner at Robert Hughstons. Drove 6 miles be= tween Bainbridge and Afton in 40 minutes. L. E. to Covenyry.

7 Thur,"Coldest and most blustering day of the season. Head= ache

8 Fri."Cold."

9 Sat."To Covenant meeting. Good sleighing. Was appointed to act with Elder Wright and H. Martin to Arrange for 50th anniversary of church."

10 Sun."Took dinner at father's. Thaws. South wind."

11 Mon."Went to Harpursville with George Bidwell. Julie and Emilie Taggart called. Jimmie has sore eyes."

12 Tue."Town meeting. Republican ticket all elected. Sliegh= ing all gone. Ice gone out of river." Staid at fathers.

13 Wed."Visited Eld. Wright with Deacon Rash and wife. Russel away after dinner."

14 Thur." River falling.

17 Sun."Elder wright one sermon at Harpursville and 1 at Nineveh. Called on sister Mason who is very sick.

18 Mon."Wrote to Examiner and Chronicles sent notice of the 50th anniversary of our church also sent minutes of annual meeting to H. A. Rose and J,D.Pope (Henry Arnold Rose hus= band of Zada Martin, Clora's sister.)

19 Tue."Father took 2 gal. of boiled oil out of the amount left from painting my house."

20 Wed."Went over on the Hill".

22 Fri."Went down to Lewis Tyrrells slighing. Visited with Rev. A. P.Merrills in eve."

24 Sun."Eld. Wright reviewed Mr. vanDykes sermon."

25 Mon."Frank Edgerton went to Binghamton. Father and Mother started for susquehannah Depot. Visited at Uncle Henry's in eve with Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain

27 Wed."F.Edgerton started for New York City and Washington Albert went with him to Deposit. Commenced invoicing."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh N.Y. s of Dr. J.D.B.
3 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon.

8 Fri."Father and Mother came up. Wrote to Eld. Miller."

9 Sat."Snow storm. Did not attend Covenant meeting. Drove cow to H.L.L. to top cow." Invoicing.

10 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Went to Harputsville in cutter."

12 Tue."F. Edgerton returned from City. Albert to Coventry".

13 Wed."Father, self, Wife and baby to Coventry to attend ordination services of Reed Everts.

14 Thur."Returned home, absent 1½ days. Staid over night at Gaines Parkers.

15 Fri."Visited at Frank Edgerton's with R. Chamberlain and wife."

16 Sat."50th anniversary of our church. Aunt Lucy visited us. Eld. Ranstead and Freeman preached. Eld Reynolds in the evening."

17 Sun."Elder Reynolds and Ekd J.J.Miller preached. Eld. Wright at Nineveh in evening."

18 Mon."Francis Shepherd (s of William Shepherd and Tacy Birdsall) and Aunt Tacy staid with us over night. (Tacy is a sister of Laura, Oscars mother)

19 Tue,"Carried wife over to Mr. Stevens to take care of Lois who is very sick. (sister of Clora, Wm. Oscar's wofe)

21 Thur."Went over after wife last evening. Snow & drift."

24 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon at Harpursville."

25 Mon."Watched with Lois last night."

26 Tue,"Went to funeral of Peter Martin, age 72 yrs., on the Hill, Elder Wright preached."

27 Wed."Went over to see Lois amd watch with her. Muddy."

28 Thur."Closing exhibition of Nineveh school. Frank Edgerton was sworn in as Post master, I as deputy. Signed $23.00 formEld. Wright."

29 Fri."Went up to G. W. Poole's and bought 8 bu of greenings (Apples) at 1/ (12½¢) Josephine went to Mary Ann's

30 Sat."Lois M. Stevens died last eve. (Lois(Martin) Stemens was a sister of Clara (martin) Bancroft."

31 Sun."Attended the funeral of Lois (44yrs, 9mons, 8days) Buried in the Steven's burying ground on the plank road.

1861 May

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, s of J.D.Bancroft

2 Thur."Albert (Albert Martin m Betsey Martin, cousin, she sister of lora) and Betsey came in the evening, went up to Esq RÂnnow in New Ohio to attend a law suit for Patirck with B, Tyrrell ,

4 sat."In the eveing went down to Patrick's who has just returned from the city

5 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Josephine came home with us."

8 Wed."attended prayer meeting in the eve."

9 Thur."E. Patrick took tea with us. Moved the stove and put down carpet in the sitting room."

10 Fri. Drive up to Hinman's. To see Samson, promises to come in two weeks. Wife made soap."

12 Sun."Elder wright on sermon, At Nineveh in evening.

14 Tue."Went to Harpursville after wagon and harness. Russel went a visiting. Mother and Mrs Leach visited us."

15 Wed."Went to Binghamton. Heavy load both ways.

16 Thur."Self and wife went to Morton Dickenson's to ladies society."

17 Fri."Frank commenced pasturing cows for milking. Albert to Binghamton with Billy (horse)

18 Sat. Aunt Jenima Knowlton came to stay with us over night. Katy also. Frank Edgerton to Coventry all day.

19 Sun."Elder M. one sermon at Harpursville. Prayer meet= At Harpursville in evening".

20 Mon."Plowed some garden. Planted potatoes."

21 Tue."Head Aches. Letter from N.D.Woolk=

22 Wed."Planted corn. Wife had Jennie's likness taken."

26 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. Called at Alvira's"

27 Mon."Gunison commenced late, about 10 oclock. Mande= ville ½ day."

28 Tue."Samson H. Mandeville* (This appeared to be Gunison in the entry on the 27th.) all day. Patrick ½ day. Went to Bennettville after brick. toll 12¢ Drew 30 bu. sand from Harpursville. Mr. Stevens called."

29 Wed."Drew two loads of stone from Harpursville. Samson and Jonas Hobbs worked."

30 Thur."Jonas and Samson worked. Drew 300 brick."

31 Fri."Jonas and Samson worked. Went to A. Johnson's via Centervillage and got 100 brick. Received $20. from Collington on Bishop note."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.B.

1 Sat."Samson and Jeff brown worked. Planted corn, pat= atoes, lettuce cabbage. Letter to Albert(Rev. Albert Martin husband of Betsey Martin, Clora's sister.)

2 Sun."Eld. Wright one sermon at Harpursville., Called at Mr. Chamberlain's after tea."

3 Mon."F.E.Had horse to Coventry.

4 Tue."Frank Edgerton returned in am. Father came up after the horse to get him shod, and ready to work on the road. Paid C. Hopkins 10¢ for cutting hair."

5 Wed."Frank Edgerton carried wife and mother to Chenango Forks. on their way to Lowville (Sowville) to return tomorrow."

6 Thur."Russek commenced fitting the sitting room for graining. Ella P. Came to stay over night.

7 Fri."Jeff Brown worked a day at cleaning up. E Patrick had horse to go to Courtland. Gilbert and mother came up."

8 Sat."Attended Covenant meeting. Had severe head ach."

9 Sun."Wife and baby went to Harpursville to meeting with Wayland. I heard a missionary sermon at Mr, Hoyts church. Eld Wright at Nineveh in pm. Called on Susan Pennell."

10 Mon."Paid Jonas Hobbs for work $2.00 cash
1.00 on account.
Received of G.H. for ride to Binghamton 4/ (four chillings)
Paid for Jennie's likness 4/

11 Tue."E & B had horse, double wagon and harness =====
Went to Harpursville after wagon.

12 Wed."Enos Leonard Bancroft (s of David 6 and brother of Dr. J.D.B) and mother staid over night with us. Went and took dinner with them at father's in Harpurs= ville.

13 Thur."Called down at Mr. Collington's. Mr. Patrick came down with me. Received 6/ of Mary Ann (sister of Clora) for potatoes, who, with Mr. Stevens (her husband) took dinner with us. Paid Eliza May for work done some time ago 6/.

14 Fri."W.W.Allexander commenced graining. (a finish on wood work?) Frank Edgerton had mare to Coventry last night , started this morning for Niagara. Mrs. Chamberlain and daughter visited and Mrs. P. Dry and dusty."

15 Sat."B. Tyrrell and Patisk's suit at one oclock this day at Norcutt's. recieved 26¢ witness fee. No cause of action. Head ache."

16 "Sun.Eld. A. in the pm at Harpursville, Eld Wright at Centervillage. E. Patrick returned with horse yesterday. Gone 9 days."

17 Mon."Wrote Frank Edgerton. Head ache."

18 Tue."Wayland left last eve;"

19 Wed."Albert (~~Rev. Albert~~ Martin) returned last night. Has been absent about 3 weeks. Bought 6 bundles of straw from L.L.Scott. Sold L.L. Scott four quarts of beans."

20 Thur."Took cow down to father's this morning. Wife went to sewing society at Elder wright's."

21 Fri."Sewed turnip seed when it failed to come up."

22 Sat."Frank Edgerton returned from Niagara Falls.

23 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon at Harpursville. Dinner at father's. Went to sing in pm. Received $22. from F. W. Martin for Betsey. Cora $11.00 from the estate. (Frederick Woolcot Martin brother of Betsey and Cora).

24 Mon."Josephine came up with us last evening.

25 Tue."Started for Otego at 1 pm/ Paid toll 4¢ and for white girdle 10¢ Went to Uncle William Shepherd's to stay over night. Had strawberries." (William Shepherd is husband of Tacy Birdsall)

26 Wed."Started for the Franklin Association at Meredith Square. Went to stay over night with a young Bro. Andrus. Heard a Rev. G. Evans of Gilbertsville.

27 Thur."Started for Rpsetown (Rosebar). Rose 45 miles losing our way twice. Dinner at Mumford and at Albert's about 8 pm. Prayer meeting."

28 Fri."Went to Cherry Valley.

29 Sat."Went to Cooperstown, Charlie with us. Visited County home

30 Sun."Albert to S,S. and one sermon went with him to Westford and 2 sermons. Satid over night at Deac. Snyder's."

1861 July

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Mon."Returned by way of Waterville

3 Wed."Started with Albert's folks for West Worsester. Found a fine church and Association, will attend. Stop= ped at Eld Pixley's and Deacon Alberts.

4 Thur."Attended meeting in the am. Started for Otego after dinner. Stopped at H. Newland's".

5 Fri."Visited at Uncle Nathan's (Nathan Birdsall and William Henry's."

6 Sat."Attended the funeral of Jane Knapp. A large attendance of relatives. Uncle William preached, Staid over night at A. Shepherds.

7 Sun."Uncle Wiliam preached at Browns school. Aunt Margaret very sick (Margaritta Birdsall wife of Nathan Smith)

8 Mon."Took dinner at Hughston's, home about dark, tea at Mr. Chamberlain's."

9 Tue."Went to Harpursville, father lent me $12.00 which I lent to Eld. Wright and Kark."

10 Wed,"Father, Mother and Katy came up to stay over night. Started to Otego to attend Aunt Margarets funeral."

11 Thur."Went to Harpursville to tea. attended political meeting at the Post office."

15 Mon."Father and mother returned from Otego."

16 Tue."Father and mother went home after dinner. Wife went with Julia to Mrs. Taggart's. Coventry had black man."

17 Wed."Sold M.G.Mudge 1 bu potatoes 4/ (50¢)

18 Thur."Great Mass meeting at Nineveh, D. S. Dickinson speaking, over 5,000 present. Wright Dean staid with us, 30 to dinner

19 Micheal Birdsall, May and Howard staid at Fathers. Went down and visited with them a while. Mr. Rose to dinner. (Rev. Rose, husband of Zada Martin, Clora's sister.)

20 Sat."Rained every day for nearly two weeks."

21 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon".

22 Mon."Started to Susquehanna Depot with wife. After dinner went to Augustus Gilberts

23 Tue."Went to Binghamton on the cars 65¢

24 Wed."Staid at Brace Gilbert;s last night. Took dinner at John B. Waters. A man by the name of Norton Lanerbow with a load of straw drove against my carriage top and broke it."

25 Thur."Drove to Harpursville"

27 Sat."Picked currents. Father brought up a load of hay."

28 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon."

29 Mon. Frank Edgerton and wife to Afton in the pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,30yrs, Nineveh, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1.Thur."Grandmother came up."

2 Fri."Bought 2 lbs of beef at 20¢. Had ripe apples of last and this years crop/ Wrote Ira Bancroft.(half brother of Dr. J.D.B.)

3 Sat."Attended leroy Kelley's funeral. Gilbert Sick."

4 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon."

5 Mon."Letter to P.A.Gebhard. Sent paper to Enos Leonard Bancroft (half brother of Dr. J.D.B."

9 Fri."Circus."

10 Sat."Covenant meeting. Paid 2/ for minutes. Eld. Wright resigned the pastorate of the church to take effect the first of October. Grandmother Bancroft here all the week. (Catharine, Mrs. David Bancroft. stepmother of Dr. J.B.B.)

11 Sun."One sermon and communion at Harpursville. One sermon and communion and S. S. at Center village."

14 Wed."Went to Mr. Steven's whortleberrying. Received of M.L. wife income $10.00. Paid $6 for apple tree."

15 Thur."Went to Harpursville to see Pratts."

16 Fri."Frank Edgerton went to coventry."

17 Sat."Frank Edgerton went to Binghamton for sale of Egleston property."

18 Sun."Eld. Wright one sermon. Gilbert, Samuel and Oscar Birdsall staid with us last night

19 Mon."Albert to Binghamton."

20 Tue."Road district dr, to self and team for 3 days."

21 Wed."Started at 6 am for Binghamton to attend the state Sunday School Convention. Paid barber 30¢ for shampoo and shave."

22 Thur."Attended Convention. Went to William Humaston's over night. E. Partick dr to extra expences due to his children 8/ (one dollar)

23 Fri."Frank Edgerton and wife went to Cannonville. Self and wife went to concert of Barker family in eve. Return= from Binghamton about 11 oclock.Am. Ella and Henry Pat= rick returned with us."

25 Sun."One sermon at Hatpursville. In pm heard Mr. Hoyt at Nineveh."

26 Mon."Russel had lumber wagon and harness to draw boards all day."

27 Tue."Elder Jacob's "Redemption" $3.00 for Bro, Merrill And 8 shillings for Home Magazine "
Father came up and helped me fix walk, was taken very sick and had to be carried home. Took care of him over night." (Dr. J.D.B.)

29 Thur."Paid 2/ contribution and $3.00 for Eld Merrills convention expense. Received 4/ from Eld Wattle for extra minutes."

30 Fri."Drove from Deposit via the Springs in 2½ hours. Staid over night with father."

31 Sat."Paid G. B. Frazier 10¢ for affidavit for B. Pratt's Account."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Sun."Wright one sermon, Mr. Loomis one sermon."

2 Mon."Paid F. Brown 5¢ for fixing watch chain."

4 Wed."Attended picnic of the S.S. at Lovejoy's grove. Charles Pratt has drawn about 1½ cords of wood to Dorts for father."

5 Thur."Frank Edgerton to Binghamton to Mass meeting. Father came up for the first time since he was sick. Paid him $3. Wrote to Albert Martin. (Betsey Martin's husband) Letter from Enos Leonard Bancroft (½brother of J.D.B.)

14 Sat."Elder Rose and wife (Henry Arnold Rose and Zada Martin) A. Martin and wife (Azel and Ellen Andrus), C. Lang don and wife, H.M.Martin and wife (Harry and Betsey Marsh) visited

15 Sun."Elder Rose in am. Eld Wright at Church Hollow. ElderAlbert Martin in the evening.

16 Mon."Purchased stock of goods of Groat at Vall====== Valonia Springs. Invoiced ½ day."

17 Tue."Invoicing stock of goods at Vallonia Springs."

18 Wed."Staid at D.Martin's last night (Daniel Martin Clora's Uncle) Spent the day with M. Steven's with the heirs transacting business of the estate Home about mid= night, Frank Edgerton about the same time."

19 Thur."L. A. Tyrrell and wife,(Leroy Tyrrell and Frances Irene Martin, Clora's sister), A. Martin and wife, Rev. Albert and and Be tsey Martin, Clora's sister) to dinner.
20L.L.Scott's boy 19 months died last night."

21 Sat."Attended the funeral of L.L.Scott's boy. Visited at Uncle Henry's with Uncel William and Aunt Harriett (William Hervey Birdsall and Harriett Gilbert) Father Birdsall mother and grandmother.

22 Sun."Uncle William Birdsall preached. I was so unwell did not enjoy the meeting."

23 Mon."B.G.Frazier 10¢ on affidavit on R. Scott account. Went over to Mr. Steven's with Frank's horse on company business. Went up to S. Pratt's on foot. Horse shod all around."

24 Tue."Was quite sick all night. Did not sleep at all. Father came up and gave me a sweat."

25 Wed."Father went to Depost to carry Mrs. Patrick and children . Kept Frank Edgerton's horse over night. Mother came up and Russel carried her back. Caty came up to stay all the week."

28 Sat."Father and I went to F. W. Martin's (Frederick Wolcott and Eliza Tyrrell) and spent ½ day."

29 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. To close S.S. next sunday

30 Mon."Took horse down to Harpursville. Rain. Wrote Elder Freeman."

Wm. Oscar Bancrpft, 30yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr, John D, Bancroft,

1 Tue,"Father got Heifer from Mr. Stevens

2 Wed."Father, Mother and Grandmother and Caty started for Oriskanny Falls."

3 Thur."Turned cow into L.L. Scott's parture."

4 Fri."My garden has yeilded 20 bu of potatoes this year."

6 Sun."Had Frank Edgerton's horse to Harpursville to meeting."

8 Tue."Fred and Eliza Called (Frederick Martin & Eliza Tyrrell) Dug potatoes at father's

11 Fri."Father and mother and Caty returned from Oriskanny Falls."

12 Sat."Mr Steven's for 11 weeks pasture of father's year= ling $1.12 paid."

13 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon."

17 Thur."Soldiers left for Staten Island reserve Deposit about 150. Father and mother summoned down to see Mr. Leavenwath?.

18 Fri."Started father and Eld. Wright for Elmira. Mother and Caty came to stay with us."

19 Sa t.' Went to Harpursville after team."

20 Sun."Eld Leach preached an excellent sermon."

21 Mon."Went to West Coventry. Dinner and tea at Mrs. Taggarts. Paid 13¢ for refiling mortgage. E. Patrick dr. to share of expenses going. Wife, Julia and Mrs. Edger= ton rode up to Mrs. Taggart's

22 Tue."Father returned from Elmira. Father and mother re= turned home after dinner. First frost of the season to kill pumpkin vines.

23 Wed."Joel Guy wanted me to go down with him to see about dividing Patrick's apples and potatoes, so I had to foot it back in the rain."

26 E. Patrick dr, to use of team to haul apples and potatoes cr. by 1½ bu poor apples. Frank Edgerton had 1½ bu same."

27 Sun." Eld Wright one sermon."

28 Mon."Self and wife went over to Mr. Stevens to pay him $500.00. borrowed money. Took dinner. Called on Irene (Frances Irene, Clora's sister.)

30 Wed."Went to Deposit with load for E. Patrick and Co. H.M.Crydenwise returned with me. Staid over night."

1861 November.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 30yrs, Nineveh, s of Mr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Fri."Self, wife and Julia E. went over to Mr. Steven's paid him $300.00 and interest this being the balance on money borrowed."

3 Sun."Wright one sermon."

5 Tue,"Election. Mrs. L.E and Mrs S. P. Scott visited at father's. No snow yet. D.S.Dickinson, Maj. on town 243, Geor e Bartlett Maj 11.

6 Wed."H.P.Birdsall dr to calf 2 $4.00 am to take 2 quart= ers of beef.

Jan 13 1862	Beef @ 4¢	98lbs	$3.92
	Cash		.08
			4.00

7 thur."Frank Edgerton to Harpursville on supervisor bus= iness.

8 Fri."Ball at Vallonia Springs."

10 Sun."Elder Wright sermon and communion."

11 Mon."F.Edgerton to Binghamton. Russel commenced board= ing with us.

12 Tue."Julia, Lydia P. and Alice took dinner with us. Wagon and horse worked on road 1 day. Still owe 1½days. Went to Charles Pratt's

14 Thur."Albert Martin took dinner with us. Mr. Eaton came to look at farm (?) Called at Osacr Dick's."

15 Fri."Drove to Harpursville for Frank Edgerton. Russel worked on road yesterday."

16 Sat."Frank Edgerton returned in eve, had horse to Mrs. Taggart's.

17 Sun."Eld Wright absent in Elmira. Lewis Alexander preached. I heard Mr. Loomis in am and Mt. Hoyt in pm.

19 Tue."Father cut up ¼ of beef had of Chamberlain."

20 Wed." Albert absent 3 days. Eld. Covey called."

21 Thur."Father, mother and Caty came up. (Caty his sister.)

22 Fri."Sent $4.00 to N.Y.Chronicle this day."

23 Sat."E. Patrick dr to services of 2 men and team to farm twice. cr. by 10 bushels of apples, part wrotten not having time to sort. Self had 1½ and L.E. 1½ first time over."

24 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon ."

25 Mon."Frank Edgerton returned this evening. Returned to store 26 lbs French zink in keg 14 lbs pure lead."

27 Wed."Frank Edgerton had horse to Mrs. Taggart's all night."

28 Thur."Thanksgiving at Harpursville. Rev. Mr. Loomis of the Methodist church preached. Next year to be held at the Nineveh Presbyterian House. with the Baptist minister preaching. Paid 4/ contribution."

29 Fri."Horse sharpshod at L. Alexander."

30 Sat."Made 75th company"(?)

Wm. Oscar Bancrpft, 30 yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Went to Harpursville in cutter.

2 Mon."Went to Afton with wife and baby on business for store."

8 Sun."Eld. Wright one sermon."

13 Fri."Received $5.00 from mother as borrowed money."

15 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Staid to tea at fathers'

16 Mon."Went down to Guy's on Patrick's place to see about Walnuts and butter."

24 Tue."Singing school."

29 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon."

30 Mon."Worked all day for Mr. Patrick down at Mr. Guy's sorting potatoes etc."

31 Tue,"Singing school, Frank and Albert attended."

Commment by William Demarest Bancroft, son of Wm. Oscar.

Long Drives=
1/18 to Binghamton
2/4 to Otego = 3 days trip to Franklin Association.
3/13 To Coventry to attend ordination
5/15 Binghamton
6/25 Otego 13 days, Franklin Association, Cherry Valley & Cooperstown."
7/22 Susquehannah and Binghamton 2 days.
8/21 Binghamton 3 days
8/28 Deposit 3 days

400 pickets of Lovejoy and 15 posts of Freg Mason,

Ttimmings for coat Dec.1860

2½ yd of	satin	.84	
1 3/4	silesia	.18	
1 yd	cancas	.13	
½ yd of	padding	.08	
1 of	Twist	.02	
½	Linen	.02	
5	Bkack silk	.12	
1	Kk Thill	.02	
3 sheets of	Wad	.06	
½ dox	Buttons	.05	$1.52

Lewis Tyrrell cr. Oct 6, 1860 200.00 Nov. 26 $285.00

List of Sabbath School
Officers of the Harpursville
Baptist Sabbath School, May 1,'62.

Superintendent - Rev. N. Wright.

Assistant Superintendent - Henry Leach.

Librarian - Lyman Eldred.

Teachers
Class 1- Wm. Oscar Bancroft.
Class 2- Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Class 3- Wm. Oscar Bancroft.
Class 4- Harriet Stow.
Class 5- J.N. Stevens.
Class 6- Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Class 7- Bro. A. Kark
Class 8- Bro. Henry Leach.
Class 9- Bro. Nelson Stow.
Class 10-Edward Stow.

Class A. Miss Mary Martin Teacher.

Students verses learned between Dec. 1862 & Dec. '63

Mary Blakeslee	491
Sarah Guy	412
Sarah Truesdell	223
Lucy Martin	10
Sarah Marble	90
Flora Sornberger	11
Ella Marshall	57

Class B. Kate Stow, teacher

Katie Bancroft	503
Martha Chamberlain	399
Sarah Pearsall	455
Almena Porter	472
Ida Pratt	120

Class C. Mrs. N. Stow, teacher.

Josephine Humaston	315
Harmony Humaston	65
Helen Wasson	102
Margaret Truesdell	17
Abigail "	341
Sarah Chamberlain	200

Class D. W.O. Bancroft, teacher.

Agnes Leach	315
Carolin Pearsall	527
Janett Sorborger	20
Loraine "	466

Class E. Mrs. Marshall, Teacher.

Amelia Martin	531
Mrs. W. S. Granniss	539

Class F. Mr. Stow, Teacher.

Thomas Blakeslee	261
C. Coones	249
E. Collington	295
C. Guy	274
Hi. Pearse	66

Class G. Stanley Wasson, Teacher.

John S. Sornborger	219
George S. "	59
Simon W. Weeks	28

Class H. E. Stow, teacher.

Fred. Eldred	83
Chas. Guy	16
Alentis Leach	48
Guido Leach	72
Chas. Merrill	
K, Dickenson	293

Class J. Deac, Pearsall

Egbert Perasall	400
W. Chamberlain	775
Charles Mason	
Joel Guy.	

Class R. Mrs. H. Eldred

Esther Manville	498
Katy Pratt	113
Lucy "	
Flora Wedge	100
Cecelia Wedge	225

(The number of verses larned was influenced in part by attendance, This was bot copied. P.M.B.)

Wm. Oscat Bancroft 31yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Wed."Miss Florence Marshall spent New Years with us. Father mother, Katiy, Robet Highston & Almira mother and sister to dinner. Thaws, violent wind."

2 Thur."Took Florence up to school Drove to Harpursville with Katie. Very cold."

4 Sat."Visited with father and mother at Signey's. (Siddey Sornberger, Elvira Martins husband, sister of Clora).

5 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon."

6 Mon."Frank Egerton to Conventry to meeting Took 31 hams and shoulders to father's to smoke. Lent E.E. Lawton $5.00

7 Tue."Mr. Church and wife came to stay over night. Attended Singing school. Katie came for over night." 5° below 0

8 Wed."A.D. went to Coventy. Spent the am in singing. Jennie sick."

12 Sun." Elder wright one sermon."

13 Mon.'Albert returned from Coventry. Jennie has had the measles I think."

14 Tue."Lewis Alexander sbarpened and set shoes on horse. Father, mother, Katie, wife and self visited at Uncle Daniel Martin's (bro of Deacon Samuel Martin Jr.)

15 Wed."Stormy. Morton Dickinson and wife visited us. Singing school. Katie came up."

16 Thur."Self, wife and Katie visited at Covington's. Pleasant.

17 Fri."Wife an Hattie visited at Eld Wright's" Snow.

18 Sat."Mother came up to work on father's outfit to N.Y. , Albert o Coventry."

19 Sun."Eld. Wright one sermon. Katie came up with us."

20 Mon."Father and Deac. Kark came up and exchanged cows."

21 Tue."Lent father $20.00 to go to N.Y. Took $5. from store."

22 Wed."Took father to the Springs to take the stage for Deposit Singing school."

23 Thur."Went to Harpursville. Julia and mother visited us."

24 Fri."Mather and Katie went home."

25 Sat."Snow. Mrs. Helike visited mother. Received letter from Warren/"

26 Sun. Drifting. Eld Wright one sermon."

27 Mon."Worked at house till noon. Rose before daylight. Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church

28 Tue."Letter from father Went over to Mr. Stevens and took dinmer. Irene and children came to our house

30 thur."Irene went home. Wrote father."

31 Fri."Drew one load of wood from Dorts."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 31 yrs, Nineveh, s. of Dr. John D. B.

1 Sat."
2 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Mother and Katie came up."

3 Mon."Posted books."

4 Tue."Lewis Allexander had father's mare to Melody Hill. Board of Auditors at Harpursville. I was appojbted Town Clerk. For one days work $1.50
paper .25

5 Wed."Pendleton weighed oats bought of Grannis.

6 Thur."Lent Mrs. Sorberger cash $1.50 for donation
1.00 for mother
3.25 for self.
7 Fri."received 2/ (25¢) for TownClerk Business."

8 Sat."Started at 12;30 noon to carry mother amd Uncle N (N could be Nathan Smith or Nathan Pearce) Took 4½ hours. found his wife very sick

9 Sun Staid at Uncle Nathan's. Borrowed 4/ from mother for Henry Newland. Blustering."

10 Mon."Returned home in 4½ bours. Frank Edgerton away."

11 Tue."Town meeting. One day service 12/ (1.50) Republican ticket elected except Town Clerk. Dinner at Tyrrells tea at Sol. Brown's."

15 At."Warren called and looked over books."

16 Sun."Eld. Wright one sermon also one at Methodist chapel."

17 Mon."Very cold. Started for Otego for Uncle Nathan's funeral

18 Tue."Staid at Uncle William Birdsall's last night. Brought Aunt Tacy home with us (Sister of Laura,Mrs.J.D.B.) Feceived letter from father. South wind. Thaws."

19 Wed."Elder Wright started for Otsego with old man . My folks visited at Frank Edgerton's. Went to Centervilage to hall. Sheds at meeting house fell."

20 Thur."Carried Aunt Tacy, Mother and Katie to Harpursville. Amy Smith visited us . Measured Charley Prsst's wood at Dort's, called it 12 Cords. Should be docked one cord."

23 Sun."Elder Wright absent. Eld. Moon preached. Amy Smith rode down with me. Raised,### $1.00 for Eld Moon."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 31yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr, J.D.Bancroft.

2 Sun."Paid 2/ to Eld. Moon. Wright one sermon. Good slighing and fine day, few out to church. In evening attend= ed Methodist meeting at Nineveh. Large attendance."

3 Mon."Signed a note for $50. with Eld. Wright with S. C. Brown till the first of April. Note to Warren 3¢.

4 Tue."Left $300.00 with Harry Martin for Warren. Int. stopped last Saturday." Went to Bro Brizzee and got 2½ bu pf potatoes. Left half of them for mother. Letter from father."

5 Wed."Self and wife went over to Harry Martin's last night. (Harry is Clora's uncle)

6 Thur."Self and wife attended Perkin's convedntion at Bain= bridge. Expense 8/ ($1). Left Jennie with mother and Caty. Letter from father."

7 Fri."Wm. Allexander credit on rent painting $3.00 and work on place $5.50
Ladder 4/ manure 14/ 2.50
Allowance on rent $2.00 total $10.00
albert had horse to Bainbridge. Mother visited Chamberlains."

12 Wed."Singing school. Drawed wrktings with Dan Goz for rent of my place in Centervillage. Mother visited as Chester Jones' Albert had Mare to Guilford."

13 Thur."Singing School. Sewing society at Harpursville. Stage came up on wheels for the first time since January. Still pretty good slighing by the side of the road."

16 Sun."Sick. did not attend meeting. Wife did. Eld wright went to New Ohio to preach funeral sermon. L. Alexander preached."

19 Wed."Mother, Caty, Aunt Tacy and Libby Wright came up.

20 Thur." Father returned from the South. Health poor. Returned $16. of money he took away. Alvira, Pete Martin girl, Mrs. M. T. Merritt visited us. Mother sold 4/ worth of butter to Mrs. Sorberger."

21 Fri."Samuel Birdsall colmenced boarding with us this day."

22 Sat." Samuel commenced work invoicinf."

23 Sun."Harpursville to meeting. Eld Wright one sermon. Sick head ache."

24 Mon. Went to mill and to Mr. Guy's and got 4 bu of pot= ato s fro Frank Edgerton." Paid 8/ for self and fathers commute at Center village bridge."

25 Tue."Visited at Mr. Stevens, called at Fred's and at Fathers. (Frederick = Clora's brother)

Good slieghing in the hills, mud along the rivers."

26 Wed.:Chamberlain 7/8 tpn of hay. Samuel to mill."

27 Thur."Fa her, Mother, Tacy and Katy came up to stay over night."

28. Fri."Clora visited at Vinton's."

29 Sat."Wrote to Albert Martin and Lydia Primus."

30 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 31 yrs, Nineveh. s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Tue."Music drill commenced this evening under Mr. Church."

2 Wed. "Attended music drill."

3 Thur."Drill and concert. May and Susan staid over night."

5 Sat."Self and wife went to Sidney's (Sorberger) in pm. to eat warm sugar. Paid S. C. Brown $56. for A. P. Merrill. Borrowed of J.D.B. $130.

6 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. A large number sprinkled at Mr. Hoyt's church."

7 Mon."Went to Mr. Guy's (Joel) and bought two bu of potatoes, for Frank Edgerton, 2½ bu for self and 2 bu for father. Drew 2 loads of wood from Dort's for father, 90 solid feet in each. Paid O. Marsh E.L.'s note."

8 Tue."Albert went to Afton to 2 days convention

9 Wed."Frank Edgerton visited at Billy Poole's to eat warm Sugar."

12 Sat."Received of Fran k Edgerton for 19 apple trees had of Steven's $1.90". Covenant meeting. Samuel went to Uncle Henry's and staid over night."

13 Sun."Edl,Wright one sermon. Aunt Tacy came home with us."

14 Mon."Heard frogs for the first time this season. Warm".

15 Tue."Father called.Frank Edgerton and folks visited at Pratts. Finished sawing wood by the garden 7½ cprds.

17 Thur."Sewing society, quite a large turn out. River very high water in the road almost to the wagon box, still ris= =ing

18 Fri."Self, Wife and Libbie Vinton started for New York via Binghamton. Samuel drove team. Had a job getting into village.

19 Sat."started at ¼ past 3 am. Had pleasant ride. Went over to Bro. Patrick's in the eve."

20 Sun. Attended Strong Place Baptist church am and pm. Heard Rev. Mr. Morris from SanFrancisco. In evening heard Ward Beecher."

22 Tue."Went to Barnum's museum last night."

23 Wed."Vksited Greenwood cemetery and Fort Hamilton. Went to Niblo's."

25 Fri."Visited Central Park Paid 6/ for carriage hire. Called in evening at Mr. Dick's."

26 Staid at Lovejoys. Heard Bruant's Minstrels.

27 Sun."Heard Dr. Anderson at the First church in the am. Heard Dr. Wi;liams in the pm and the pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist church in the evening. Witnessed the baptism of 8 persons."

29 Tue."Left Mr. Patrick's about ½ past 3 pm and N.Y. about ½ past five. Paid 16/ carriage bire from Brooklyn to depot."

30 Wed."Self and wife returned from N.Y. via Deposit and the Springs Father met us at Brown's corner. Found Jennie and the rest all well, God be praised for all his mercies. Wrote to Albert Martin."

1862 May.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 31, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Thur."Samuel started for home on stage. Showers."

4 Sun. Eld Wright one sermon at Harpursville."

5 Mon."Cyrus Hopkins commenced work for me at$13. a month

8 Thur."Received of Mrs. William Alexander $5.00 house rent."

10 Sat."Covenant meeting."

11 Sun."Elder Albert Martin one sermon, S.S. Communion and prayer meeting in the evening. Turned cow into R. Harper's pasture. John's boy is to drive her for 8/ the season."

16 Fri."To Harpursville to sing in evening. Frank Edgerton and Albert to Coventry to funeral. Albert had my horse. Albert Martin staid over night."

17 Satt." Head ache ½ day. Hopkins lost a half day."

18 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon and prayer meeting."

20 Tue."Hopkins sick did not work."

22 Thur."Hopkins worked at Harpursville. Borrowed of father $86. he had of Guy on Note. Paid R. Bush $250. on note, and took up a note for %5.13 borrowed of store."

23 Fri. "S.S. sing."

24 Sat."Give notice of annual meeting for the election of Trustees of the Baptist church.

25 Sun."E;d Wright one lecture and S. S. and Prayer meeting. Hard frost last night.

26 Mon."Boarded Mr. Trowbridge and horse 2 days and nights. Paid $1.25 for bible dictionery

28 Wed.'Albert taken sick. Frank Edgerton absent 2 days.

29 Thur,"Sewing circle. Frank Edgerton to Coventry 2 days". Bought for father about 500lbs of plaster at 12/

30 Fri."Drew about ½ a ton of hay from fathers. Cy worked with father drawing wood.

31."$390.72 due Bush. Hopkins discontinued work for present.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 31yrs, Nineveh s. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon, S.S. and sing. Did not attend evening meeting. Robert Hughston and Almira came came and staid overnight at father's. He was on his way to Perry'sburgh. Rain."

3 Tues."Self and wife visited at N. Stow's in pm.

5 Thur."Father took the horse down to be shod."

7 Sat."Covenant meeting.".

8 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon and communion."

9 Mon."Had store broken into last night and were robbed of goods in the amount of $500 to $600.

11 Wed,"Mary stoddard visited mother and staid over night."

12 Thur."Sewing society at Mrs. Mason's Mrs. Edgerton and Albert took father to go to Norwich."

13 Fri."Our folks visited with Steven Masson's with Mary Stoddard."

14 Sat."Father carried Mary home."

15 Sun."Meeting morning and eve. Blind man lectured in eve."

16 Mon."Cyrus worked a half day, sewed turnip seed."

17 Tues."Cyrus worked on side walk, worked my horse beside Leroys, furnished harness, wagon etc."

18 Wed."Cyrus worked on sidewalk most of the day. Two meals at home, breakfast with us."

19 Thur,"Cyrus worked on sidewalk boarding at home."

20 Fri."Cyrus finished work. Used Mr. Hoyt's horse a little while."

22 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. albert and mother returned from Norwich. Must charge them at least $3.00 for it was a great inconvenience.

23 Mon. "Father came up for lime and ashes."

24 Tue."Father and mother came up on the way to the Franklin Association at Gilbertsville. Staid all night."

25 Wed. 'Father mother and Caty started "black and my carriage Took out search warrant and found goods secreted in Gerry Williams and Cody Clappers houses taken from store.

26 thur. "Self andMayhew spent last night in Binghamton trying to waylay Wood, etc."

27 Fri. "Appeared before prisoner's at Mudge's, adjourned by their request until next Monday at Afton. Found about an= other $100.00 of goods

28 Sat. "My horse and Br. Warner's took a large number of men to search for goods. Did not find much."

29 Sun. "Eliza and Hannah Parker and Lestet Thompson came here last night. Eld Wright one sermon."

30 Mon. "Trial of prisoners arrested postponed until Monday next. at Afton."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,31 yrs, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Tue."Frank Edgerton and wife went to Afcton. Wood pleaded guilty and was sent to Norwich. Gerry Williams caught in I went to Afton to appear against him, took tea at Eli's."

2 Wed."Wife and Hattie went to Irene's with old man. Albert and Russel away to search. Father and mother returned home yesterday."

3 Thur,"Sewing society at Mary Ann's. Wife and Hattie were up with old man. (I believe "old man " is aged horse.)

4 Fri."Went to Coventry, dinner and horse baiting 44¢ on Gerry William'smatter, found $200.00 worth of goods buried in corn field."

5 Sat."Went to Harpursville to obtain more warrants of Frasier."

6 Sun."One sermon at Harpursville. Tea at father's.¼

7 Mon."Attended trial of G. William's and co. at Afton. Paid 3/ for dinner and horse. Hot. Had head ache."

8 Tue."Wife went down to clean meeting house at Harpursville, tea at father's. Russel went to Coventry."

9 Wed."Carried 6 quarts of straw berries to fathers. Albert and his mother started for Shason Springs."

11 Fri."Received from J.D.B, paid him on Guy matter $25,

12 Sat."Paid bridge commits for self and father $3.00; last year 2.50, year before 2.00.

13 Sun."One sermon and communion."

15 Tue."Carried wife and Julia up to John Steven's."

16 Wed."Settled with Hopkins and paid him cash $2.15."

18 Fri."Father, mother Clora and Mrs Wright visited Bro. Ingraham."

22 Tue,"Carried women toAbel Stoval visiting,"

23 Wed."Father and mother came up to pick cherries. Rec= meeived $10 from W.W.Alexabder for home rent."

25 Fri."Received of father for three rake teeth 56¢ and two 25¢."

27 Sun."Henry Leasch read one sermon. Eld Wright went to West Colesville. Preached a sermon inmemory of Henry Blatoff."

30 Wed."Paid father 8/ to send for examination, Picked currents for 4 gals of wine."

31 Thur,"Sewing society at Harpursville."

1862 August.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 31, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

2 Sat."Washed carriage. Had cucumbers."

3 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. Lent father 8/ to send to Missions for Mrs. Stevens."

4 Mon."Albert returned. Absent 3½ weeks."

5 Tue."Went over to farm. Got a few cherries at Irene's, a Few whortleberries. Gave Catie 8/ to send for magazine for John Sornberger." (Caty, Katie, Katy Catharine his sister.)

10 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Called at Mary Ann's. (Clora's sister.)

12 tue."Self, wife and Julia went to Fitch Smith's. Jennie was taken with dysentery after our return."

17 Sun."Heard Eld. Wright one sermon, Henry Leach once. Lucius Martin (Clora's brother) attended church for last time before going to war. Oscar Martin and Ann attended our church had black man a carriage."

19 Tue."Julia Had black man to Calvin Edgerton's"

20 Wed."War meeting at Methodist church in Harpursville," I have lost nearly a weeks time from the store taking care of Jennie."

21 Thur."Took Jennie to ride for first time. Called at R. Chamberlains. Father and mother returned now. It was a week from last Tues. night she and I have had a regular night's sleep".

22 Fri."Called at Mary Ann's with Jennie."

23 Sat."Went to Ball Play at Harpursville in pm."

24 Sun."Elde Wright one sermon. Mr. Dickins went to with us."

25 Mon."Went to Coventry after hired girl. Failed to get one.

26 Tues."Frank had horse and harness to carry Mary Starkey and Emilie E. to Binghamton to attend Ministerial conference".

27."Wed."Association. Bro. Briggs and wife staid with us." to run three days.

30 Sat." Fred and wife visited us."

31 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon. Went over to Harpursville for H. A. Wakeman's girl to work.

1862 September

Wm Oscar Bancroft. 31, Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft."

1 Mon."Self and Frank Edgerton went to Norwich, my horse and wagon."

2 Tue."Returned fro Norwich. Staid at Mr. Tanner's."

4 Thur."Mother and Aunt Tacy visited. Frost."

5 Fri."Mrs Chamberlain and Root visited us."

7 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon."

8 Mon."Frank Edgerton had horse to Deposit on butter business."

9 Tue, Frank Edgerton returned."

10 Wed."Took dinner zt sidney's (Sidney Sornberger). Engaged Sarah Squites to work for us at 10/ a week. Albert to Bing= hamton, drunk last night."

11 Thur."Paid father $5.00 towards washing machine. Mother and Aunt Tacy came up."

12 Fri,"Sold butter 56¢ worth. Frank Edgerton had horse to buy butter."

19 Fri,"Albert and Betsey staid over night with us."

20 Sat."Commenced prasturing horse at Fred Mason nights at 4/ a week.

21 Sun."Eld Wright one sermon at Harpursville. Albert one sermon at Centervillage."

22 Mon."Miss Sarah Squires commenced work with us.

23 Tue."Frank Edgerton visited at Franklin Doolittle. Dr. Warner took horse at noon to go to Forks on wedding ttip."

24 Wed."Dr. Warner returned horse."

26 Fri."Paid Celeste Wakeman 7/ to balance account."

27 Sat."Frank Edgerton had horse all day to buy butter."

28 Sun."Albert Martin preached in Am. Uncle William in Pm."

29 Mon."Frank Edgerton had horse all day to buy butter. Uncle William Birdsall, Aunt Harrett, May and Hattie (Mary?) staid over night with us. Mother went over to Thad's at Pond Brook with them."

1862 October.

Wm. Oscar Bancrpft, 31, Nineveh, S. of Dr, J.D.Bancroft.

3 Fri."Paid 15¢ admission to fair."

5 Sun."Elder Wright one sermon. Sarah absent 2 days."

6 Mon. Frenk Edgerton to Coventry."

11 Sat."Covenant meeting. Alvin came home with us."

12 Sun."Eld Wright preached farewell sermon. Godfrey preached in evening."

13 Mon. Carried Alvin home. Wife and Jennie rode to Harp= ursville." Horse has been in Fred Mason's pasture 17 nights. Not worth over 8/ which will balance with Crhonicale account."

14 Tue."Attend d funeral of Col. Dan Stow, 69 yrs found dead in bed at Harpursville."

15 Wed."Went to H.P.Bush to notify Frank Edgerton about butter."

16 Thur."My son Ernest Martin was born about ½ past 10 ovlock this am. weight 9 lbs."

17 Fri."Received of E. W. Martin (Clora's brother) on personal matter of estate, lora's share $15.34. About $14.00 received last spring from Albert. Albert and Bestey start= ed for home.

18 Sat."Cow taken out of Mr. Harpers pasture."

19 Sun."Two sermons at Mr. Hoyt's"

26 Sun."Attended funeral of F.L.Scott's child at Mr. Hoyt's."

27 Mon."Received of father the balance on Guy and Perry's note $44.68."

30 Thur."Attended Union Meeting at Center village. Commence turning cow in Lovejoy;s pasture."

1862 November.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 32, Nineveh, s. of Dr. J.S.Bancroft."

1 Sa t."Drew three loads of gravel from other side of Nineveh for ."

2 Sun!" Mr. Loomis one sermon in Hoyt's exposition."

4 Tue."Election, this town 187 majority for Wadsworth."

5 wed." Drew 14 loads of gravel from Maron's, about a day and a quarter. Self and wife went to Coles H ill to heat Gus L/ Clarl. 15¢

6 thur."Took team to Harpursville. Handed in account to Town Board $3.25. Carrie Scott ~~burned~~." (burried)

7 Fri. sent 10/ to N.Y.Chronicle."

8 Sat."covenant meeting at Harpursville. sleighing."

9 Sun." Sarah had black man (Horse) and cutter to go home."

10 Mon."Sarah commenced attending school. Has worked 7 weeks. at 10/ ($8.75) Self, wife and baby rose to Harpursville in cutter."

13 Thur."Father and mother called. Have had Dr. Guy twice to see Jennie who has had a slight attack of diphtheria. Paid Sarah 2/ cash. Sat up with Jennie 2 nights.

16 Sun."Funeral sermon of Carrie scott, Mr. Hoyt and Eld. Sherwood preached at Harpursville."

18 Tue."Buried mygrape vines. Jennie has been sick since last Tuesday. Father came up and staid."

19 Wed."Edgerton and Bancroft dr. to use of borse and sulky to New Ohio for George M. Hakes to notify butter men. Freeman taking up mother staid all night." Pastured cow at Lovejoys 14 days."

22 Sat."Had Charley's sulky to Joel Guy's and Mudges

24 Mon."Started for Norwich last evening, went as far as Deac. Carpenter's with Frank Edgerton, my horse and his wagon. Young Men's Christian Association."

26 Wed."Paid for Caty's arithmetic 4/ Paid for Ermin Trimming 1½ yds 3/. Father started for Lodi with Alvira."

27 thur."Thanksgiving, Elder Wright and family and mother took dinner with Clora. I did not get home from Norwich until dark. Ate dinner at Deac. Blake's"

28-Fri."Self and wife wemt to Irene's. Uncle William Shepherd and Aunt Tacy passed through."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 32, Nineveh, s. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

5 Fri."Self and Eld Wright started for Binghamton after dinner. Drove my horse with his before his wagon."

6 Sat." Paid for flat iron 1.25
doll .14
Hotel 1.50
Horse shoeing 1.25
Broken sp ing .75
Lecture .30

8 Mon."Thad and Mary Birdsall came Sat. morn and staid till Monday. father and mother came up."

9 Tue."Self and Clora visited at N. Stow's

11 Thur." Called at Harpursville. Frank Edgerton visited At T. Galis in the eve."

12 Fri."Albert had been at Binghamton for two days."

13 Sat."Mother and Katie came up to stay over night."

15 Mon."Self And Edgerton started for Norwich. My horse and carriage. Very hard going."

16 Tue."G.Williams sent to Auburn state prison 3yrs & 3 mons.
Clapp " " 2 3
Wood " " 1 3
Emory Williams to house of refuge till of age."

17 Wed."Staid at B. Blakes last night. Paid Hostler 15¢

18 Thur."Newton burned todeath at Bishop's by using Kero= sene to start fire."

19 Fri."Self and wife visited at Neri Pines."

20 Sat."Very cold. Katie came."

23 Tue."Paid R. Harper $5.00 for cow pasture. One season.

25 Thur."Sarah Squires taken sick with diphtheria. Went to Harpursville after E. Guy Her folks came up and took her home. (Oscars hired girl)

28 Sun."Elder Leach preached a funeral sermon in memory of Edward Porter a soldier. Took dinner at father's."

30 Tue."Went up to Mr. Zale's to sing."

1863.

A Resolution, a rough draft by
Wm, Osacr Bancroft.

Resolved - That the aspersions cast upon Northern Christians by the Southern Convention led by Dr. Rishard Fuller is uncalled for, unchristian and untrue. and that in the name of the spirit of our common Christ=-ianity we repell this Babell attack upon banner of the Cross as well as that of the flag of this country,

This resolution, or one developed from this first draft was acted upon affirmaticely by the First Baptist Church of Harpursville. Similar resolutions were acted upon throught the North and led to a devision in the denomination into the Northern Baptist and the Southern Baptist coventions. This division contues to this day under the names of the United Baptist Church of America and the Southern Baptist Church. The deonimation has as one of its strngest traditions great independence of each congregation, so there are numerous subdividions to be found in both the north and the south. It is interesting to note that most "Colored"Baotist churches and african Baptist churches are to be found in the north. Few negroes are admitted to Southern Baptist churches. (Paul M. Bancroft, M.D.)

Wm. Oscar Bancroft 1862
Edgerton and Bancroft General Store.

Window glass; 7-5, 8-10, 9-12,9-13, 10-14
Lamp black
1 bbl tar
Hemp seed
Carary seed
Tannin
Prussian blue
Castile soap
Bar soap
Chemical soap
Burning fluid
Terpentine
American vermillian
Wall papers
Window Curtin Paper , plain green, blue & figured
Pepper and spice
Lamp oil
Axel grease
Carriage cloth
Brushes
Varnish
Halter chains
steel squares
axes
Sand paper.
Brass curry combs
Horse brushes
Mill saws
Cross cut saws
Wedges
Strap hinges
Grind stones.
Blind hinges
Assorted scews
Files and rasps
Assorted bolts
Steel yards
Tea scale
tacks
Table knives and forks
Steel garden spades

Tug and breech straps
Sheep shears
Buck saws
Strains and frames
Augur bits
Cooper bits
Maleable Brass
Cold chisel
Nails
Shot
Carpet tacks
Cooks patent Augur bits
Bird cages
Shaker brooms
Tubs and Pails
tack hammers.
Garden rakes
Horse cards.
Nails
Finish nails
Carriage bolts
Lamp wicks
Lamp brushes

Wm. Oscar Bancroft 1862

Edgerton and Bancroft

Materials ordered for strore.
Paper muslin, white, slate, brown.
Cotton yarn
Plain Ninkin
Shirts for Albert
Coll. Cotton Tape
Strip cotton tape
Dress Braid
Floor oil cloth
Hemp carpeting
Carpet bags and satchels.
Cable thread.
Ribbon, assortment of narrow
Black bonnet ribbon
Ren Jean cloth
Silk Velvet cloth
Black kid gloves
colored kid gloves
Black silk edging, lace
Sadlers silk
Florence Silks
Oil Silk
Linen Hkfs
Ruchn, Borders
White Flor Silk
Tan colored and Brown Ribbon
Bleached drill
Black Silk
Rose Colored Zepher
Table cloth

Yankee notions
Steel crochette needles and tatting needles
Ink stands
Youths silk buttons
Vest silk buttons
Button Moulds
36 inch blue umbrellas
Side combs
Hoop skirts
Pins
Pant buttons
Slate pencils
Coral beads

Wm. Oscar Bancroft 1862

Edgerton and Bancroft, gen. Store.
Tobacco
English pipes
Raisins
Sugar and molasses
Teas; green & Japan
Coffee
Pepper and Spice
Cream of tartar
Bar soap.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft 1862

Edgerton and Bancroft, General Store.

Crockery
4 doz large C. Chambers
4 dox small plates
4 doz Medium plates
4 doz. tea plates
4 doz breakfast plates
3 doz dinner plates
1 doz stone china tea plates
1 doz common tea plates
Milk pitcher
Small water pitcher
Medium Water pitcher
Large water pitcher
Assortment of platters
Tea plate and matched sugar bowl
Individual salts
Small glass sauce dishes
Glass sugar bowls
Creamers
Medium and large sized common bowls
Yellow pie plates, round and square
Large blue edged plates
W.G.Bakers, deep, large and medium
Wash Bowl city style for F.E.
Fly screens
Glas cones, transparent burners for lamps

Wm. Oscar Bancroft 1862.

Edgerton and Bancroft Store.

Drugs
Alcohol
Aloes
Annatto
Antimony
Castor oil
Cream tartar
Licorice
Glaubers Salts
Soda
G.M.Saleratus
B. Saleratus
Sweet oil
Madder
Logwood
Borax
Cochinial
Assafoetida
Dandelion coffee
Oil Bergamot
Gum Camphor
Ginger
Ex. ginger.
Aqua Ammonia
Black snuff
Yelloe snuff
Gum Arabic
Ipicac
Strilla matches
Turkey Rhubarb
Seidlitz powder
Madder compound
Extract Logwood
Nut megs
Arnica
Cloves
Cayennepepper
Assorted vials and corks
Pint tapir
Quart Tapir
Tinct. Opii
Pulv Anis Seed.
Rochel Salts
Calabria Licorice

Laudanum
Panjoric
Spauldings cephalic pills
Licorice root.
Ginger P-
Groton or Harrisons ink
Chewing gum
Oil Beghmont
Terpentine
Slippery elm tonic
Glue
Coleman Mustard
Cloves
Salaratus
Alum
Demijohn Spirits nitre
Demijohn aqua ammonia
Gin or Brandy
Neats Foot Oil

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 32 yrs., Nineveh, son of Dr. J. D. Bancroft

1 Thur. "Miss Burrows sewed for us. Cold. White frost on trees. Mother and Caty went home in evening. Albert went to Rolf's in Coventry."

2 Fri. "Took Miss Burrows home. Paid her 62¢ for her work. Paid Lib. 2.25 for fixing Clora's bonnet. Clora and children rode down to Harpursville with me."

3 Sat. "White frost. South wind. Father and mother went to Coventry."

4 Sun. "Elder Wright preached at Harpursville. Very good sermon. Snow all went off. Myron Whitham died."

5 Mon. "Sarah Squires returned and commenced attending school in the pm."

6 Tue. "Went to Joel Guy's for potatoes. Got 6 bu. for self, 4 bu. for Frank Edgerton. 1 bu. of Prince Alberts for self. Apples badly frozen, will lose half at least."

7 Wed. "Frank Edgerton had horse to Mr. Wilder's. Wife visited Mrs. Edgerton. Loomis donation 20 present. Jacob Edson's house burned."

8 Thur. "Father and Mother came up. Gave 5/ to Mr. Hoyt's donation. Father took hams to Harpursville to smoke. Handed Father note against Caleb Knox for 8.97 and int. 4.73 due the 11 of February. Hoyt's donation, raised $50."

9 Fri. "Mrs. H. M. Scott, R. Bush, Driggs, Taggart and Julia E. visited here. Frank Edgerton at tea. Frank has diphtheria, slight attack. Sent 23 hams and shoulders to Harpursville by father to smoke."

10 Sat. "Covenant meeting at Harpursville. Did not attend as Frank Edgerton was ill. Elder Merrill is down staid at father's. John Eddy Collington died last night."

11 Sun. "Elder Merrill preached at Harpursville once. Communion in pm. Self and family took tea at fathers. Good wheeling."

12 Mon. "Let father have a rooster and two hens."

13 Tue. "Father, mother and Mrs. Wright came up. Father killed five chickens and dressed them, took 2 home with him. Julia and Mrs. Taggart took tea with us. In the evening called at Dr. Wagner's."

14 Wed. "Snow last night. Rained all day today. Dull."

15 Thur. "Albert absent from store all day. On a drunk."

16 Fri. "Albert returned after dinner. Wife visited at Frank Edgerton's. To dinner and tea, gave them one chicken."

18 Sun. "Heard two sermons at Mr. Hoyt's church. Wife went in am. in pm. went to Harpursville with Sarah. Excellent wheeling."

19 Mon. "Mary Martin called. Measure up 13½ bu. of oats. Wrote to C. Mason."

20 Tue. "Father and mother to dinner. Self and wife called at Mr. Collington's. Nice wheeling."

21 Wed. "Snow. Had a pair of skates on the first time in five years."

22 Thur. "Self and wife called at Mary Ann's and Ed. Merrill. Nice wheeling. Father and mother had gone to Bro. Kark's."

23 Fri. "Frank Edgerton had horse to Coventry and Oxford. Whole family went with Frank Edgerton. Had horse shod at Hobbs."

24 Sat. "Frank Edgerton returned this evening after dark."

25 Sun. "Funeral of Charles Crofut. Elder Wright preached. The largest congregation I ever saw in the Methodist House."

26 Mon. "Called at Dr. Guy's to see how Leroy and Irene were getting along."

28 Wed. "Worked nearly all day on Bancroft and Martin accts."

29 Thur. "Nice fall of snow last night and today. Carried about 8 bu. of provender to Lovejoy's to grind. Russell staid with us last night."

30 Fri. "Father and mother called. Gave them some oysters. Frank got 8 bu. of oats. Justus Ketchum died. Good sleigh."

31 Sat. "Rufus Hoyt commenced boarding with us last night at tea. He is to work with me cutting wood and so forth for a while keeping account of the time spent etc. Went to carry Mr. Driggs home. Called at Irene's self and wife."

William Oscar Bancroft. 32 yrs., Nineveh, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Sun. "Did not attend service."

2 Mon. "Called at N. Stow and to mill. Rufus worked a half day cutting wood. Frank Edgerton settled with Albert."

3 Tue. "Wife visited at Dr. Guy's. Went to see Grannis about lumber. Hattie and Nelsonstaid in eve. Rufus half day."

4 Wed. "Spent the day settling with Warren. Took dinner at Warren's and tea at H. Martin's. 15° below. Rufus ½ day."

5 Thur. "Moderating with wind and snow. Frank Edgerton spent the day settling estate matters. Rufus ½ day."

6 Fri. "Wind came into the south last night and blew very violently. Thawed all night and still at it. Went to mill in eve. Caty came home with me. Sarah went home. Rufus a half day."

7 Sat. "Frank Edgerton had horse to Unadilla and back, worth 5/. He had cutter to Coventry."

8 Sun. "Elder Wright preached funeral sermon of Collinton's children. A large attendence. A Collington man took dinner with us at fathers."

9 Mon. "Sent Rufus up to George Raits after 611 bundles of oat straw. South wind, thaw, sleighing spoiled."

10 Tue. "Town meeting. Republican ticket elected by 120 majority."

11 Wed. "Singing school at our house. P. Yale and wife and mother and Frank Edgerton and wife and Mrs. Taggart visited."

12 Thur. "Attended lecture of colored man at Methodist church. Gave 8/ for colored church in Binghamton."

13 Fri. "Started about ½ past 11 for Butternuts. Drove 38 miles in 3½ hours."

14 Sat. "Staid over night at Robert Wetmores. Took dinner at Robert Hughston's. Drove to Unadilla, 8 miles in 50 min."

15 Sun. "Staid over night at A Shepherd's. Sun and south wind spoiling the sleighing. So when I started home Jennie staid at father's."

16 Mon. "Rufus all day. Frank Edgerton absent in pm to C. L. Jones. Horse sharpened all around at L. Alexander's."

17 Tue. "Self and wife started for Pond Brook with cutter. I got wagon at Thad Birdsall and on to Binghamton."

18 Wed. "Staid in Binghamton over night. Went up to Thad's this evening at 8 oclock. Sprague and Knight to one self heating iron 10/ Paid for Balmoral $3.00."

19 Thur. "Went down to Binghamton and back to Thad's. Took cutter and wife and started for home. Broke whiffle tree coming thru snow drifts by E. S. Holcomb's. Got wagon at Henry Pratt's. Pressness to Binghamton to get William and clapper indicated."

20 Fri. "Staid over night at father's. Out of Ad. Austin work 9½ hours. Frank Edgerton to Coventry in pm."

21 Sat. "Posted books. Sarah away."

22 Sun. "Attended two services at Mr. Hoyt's church.'

23 Mon. "Frank Edgerton away all day. Sun. Thaws."

24 Tue. "Received of John Ferguson as rent for Harpursville place to the first of April 16/ ."

27 Fri. "Sarah sick."

28 Sat. "Received of A. Martin cash on wife's share of estate 228.46. Paid the $200 not given to Scott on place sold to Frank Edgerton given June 22, 1859 $255.71."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 32 yrs., Nineveh, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Sun. "Eld. Leach one sermon."

2 Mon. "Received of Esq. Bump per F.W.M. on Clora's note $30. Augustus Shepherd called to dinner."

3 Tue. "Went to father's last night to see Jennie, she being sick. Mother came up this morning."

8 Sun. "Elder Leach one sermon."

9 Mon. "Signed $20 for Eld. Leach, father signed $12."

10 Tue. "Little girl has been quite sick since one week ago Monday. Dr. Guy called in to father to see her Sunday evening. Dr. Warren was here Sunday. Frank Edgerton went to Binghamton with Elder Wright, yesterday back this eve."

11 Wed. "Frank Edgerton had horse to Champlins to sing."

12 Thur. "Frank Edgerton to Coventry. Rufus to Coventry in eve. Good sleighing and has been since Sunday. E.E. Lawton's wife, Catharine Merrills was dead this morning."

13 Fri. "Self, wife, father and mother visited at Mary Ann's."

14 Sat. "Attended the funeral of E. E. Lawton's wife. Called at Eld. Leach's in eve."

15 Sun. "Eld. Leach one sermon. Clear, cold, good sleighing."

16 Mon. "Frank Edgerton to Mr. Yale's a half day. Wrote to Uncle William also to John A. Y. Birdsall. Sent 8/ for his paper."

19 Thur. "Self and wife took dinner at Frank Edgerton's, stopped getting milk at F. E. yesterday."

20 Fri. "March Frank Edgerton had horse to Taggarts to carry Lydia Parker. H. came back sick. Commenced getting a pint of milk of R. Bush. Mother and Caty came up."

21 Sat. "Frank Edgerton sick. Last day of school."

22 Sun. "Heard Eld. Loomis in am and Mr. Hoyt in pm."

23 Mon. "Sugar weather. Alpheus Judd died. Sarah commenced work."

24 Tue. "Father, mother and Caty came up."

25 Wed. "Frank Edgerton in store again, part of the day. Not well. Funeral of Lem Beardsley's widow."

26 Thur. "Frank Edgerton worked at Eld. Wrights. Invoicing."

27 Fri. "Frank Edgerton worked at Eld. Wright's."

29 Sun. "Eld. Leach sick so he could not preach. Read a Spurgeon sermon. Carried Sarah home. Cold, blustering."

30 Mon. "Carried wife and babies to Harpursville. Went myself to so business with Eld. Wright."

31 Tue. "Stoddard Doolittle commenced services in store at $100 a year and board. Took dinner at Frank Edgerton's. Gave contract to Mrs. J. Welta for place in Harpursville at $300. Self and family went to Mr. Steven's."

William Oscar Bancroft, 32 yrs., Nineveh, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Wed. "Did not get milk this week."

2 Thur. "Dr. Warner had horse to John Thompson's. Baby sick with colds."

3 Fri. "Sarah commenced work again at noon."

4 Sat. "Stoddard commenced boarding with us."

5 Sun. "Eld. Leach 2 sermons."

6 Mon. "Pleasant. Father took horse down to move Ferguson."

7 Tue. "Stoddard commenced boarding at L. P. Scott's at 20/ week."

8 Wed. "Mrs. L. P. Scott visited at our house. Father drew up 72 bundles of oat straw of L. Merrills for Eld. Wright."

9 Thur. "A very handsome display of electrical phenomena. A band of white light passed from east to west about mid heavens."

10 Fri. "Father, Mother, Caty and Sarah away all day, visiting at Mr. Woodworth's. Paid 6/ for 30 lbs of buckwheat flour."

11 Sat. "Eld. Wright and family went to Bennettsville. Libby staid with us last night. Frank Edgerton away in pm. Did not attend covenant meeting."

12 Sun. "Eld. Leach one sermon and communion."

13 Mon. "Wm. B. Pendleton took my horse to use a few days at 4/ a day (50¢) if well used. Frank Edgerton to Rust's to eat warm sugar."

15 Wed. "Wife visited at L. P. Scott's. Self and Frank Edgerton took tea with Albert, Hobbs and Stoddard. Sally M. Smith and H. Marvin spent eve. Albert-------."

17 Fri. "Burr Pendelton returned horse, paid 20/ . Albert started for Grace's."

18 Sat. "Mother, Caty, wife and self went to Merrills to eat warm sugar. Sarah had black man and carriage to Squires. (black man is horse)"

19 Sun. "Eld. Leach 2 sermons, s.s. organized, was chosen secretary. Carried Sarah up to Uncle Henry's to work for them a few days."

21 Tue. "Shady died last night."

22 Wed. "Wife visited at R. Bush's."

23 Thur. "Father and mother came up."

24 Fri. "Called at Uncle Henry's with wife. Sarah returned from Williams. She worked 4 days for him."

25 Sat. "Paid Mrs. Bush for 36 pints of milk .72 ."

26 Sun. "Eld. Leach 2 sermons. Staid at Fathers for tea."

27 Mon. "Horse shod all around at M. L. Merron 53¢. Called at Mr. Dort's and Mary Ann's. Father took horse home to work. 3 bbls. of ashes and oats."

28 Tue. "½ lb. of figs of Jennie."

30 Thurs. "Last day Eld Leach preached. Got some English Flukes and Bolivia seed potatoes."

William Oscar Bancroft, 32 yrs., Nineveh, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft

1 Fri. "Plowed garden. Father helped draw manure."

3 Sun. "Elder Leach one sermon. Funeral of L. Bunt's child."

4 Mon. "Paid 16/ for oranges and lemons for Caty. She has been sick for several days with imflammation of bowels."

6 Wed. "Frank Edgerton started for N. Y."

7 Thur. "Father brought stone cover from G. L. Dort's. Expect Dort to charge $3.00 for it. Drew load of gravel from Mason's to put around well."

8 Fri. "John Padget fixed stone cover on well this am, about an hours job. Dr. Warner put in stone pump. A long cold easterly storm last 4 days. River over banks."

9 Sat. "Father sick. Drove down to help him a while this eve. Mr. Brizzee to move in father's house next Monday."

10 Sun. "Eld. Merrill preached. Went with Eld. Leach to Schowton school to attend the funeral of L. Bunt's third and last child dead in a week with diphtheria."

11 Mon. "Martin Witham came up to change horses."

12 Tues. "Wife and children and Sarah went down to Mr. Squires with old black."

13 Wed. "Commenced pasturing cow in R. Bush's pasture. $8. the season. Mrs. Wright came up with father from Harpursville."

14 Thur. "Sarah out to sugar party last night. Has not worked much today. Left Tom go to Ed. Northrups this pm."

15 Fri. "Eld. Wright staid with us last night."

16 Sat. "Frank Edgerton returned today. Sold surplus of carpet hooks to Hobbs."

17 Sun. "Eld Leach one sermon. S.S."

20 Wed. "Ball's Canvas show. Father took billy home."

21 Thur. "Sarah returned yesterday. Mother and Katy up. Amy and Cloe Merrill called."

22 Fri. "Took tea at Frank Edgerton's."

23 Sat. "Wife and Sarah went to Centerville with old Black, visited at Hattie's."

24 Sun. "Eld. Leach one sermon. Did not stay for S.S. Self and wife went to Afton to hear Eld. Smith of Coventry preach Eld. Donnely's funeral sermon."

25 Mon. "Father came up with billy and took the man home."

26 Tue. "Sold my horse to Ed Merrill for $125. The horse having had the horse distemper for a week past and shoulder sprain for 6 months past. Could have had $150 if well."

27 Wed. "Settled with Bro. Brizzee yesterday. He allowed $4.00 cash on hay. Bought a colt of him for $30. and took up my note and account."

28 Thur. "J.D. B. cr. by balance of interest money $4.97, debit by lumber wagon had of N. Wright of $40. cash."

29 Fri. "Mary Ann, Alvin's mother and Caty visited here."

31 Sun. "Eld. Wright preached funeral of Lydia Ann Collington Mason. Eld. Leach being absent I took charge of S.S."

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 32 Nineveh, s of Dr. J.D.Bancroft .

1 Mon."Wm. S. Granniss* cr. by 260 hemlock board for J.D.B."

2 Tue."Attended the funeral of John Martin's wife on Cole's Hill. Eld Leach preached."

3 Wed."Mother and Caty up. Paid Frisbe 20¢ for 4 lbs beef neck." Jas A. Bzrnes died last night."

5 Tue."Mother and Zada at Clifton."

6 Sat."Augustus Shepherd and wife and Aunt Harriett came to stay over night."

7 Sun."Leach one sermon and S. S.

9 Tue."Mother and Caty up."

10 Wed." Mary Lockwood and Julia visited. Albert and Betsey were here for breakfast, came fromBinghamton. Used fathers horse, double harness and wagon to draw shingles from Harp= ursville."

13 Sat." covenant meeting and anual meeting."

14 Sun."Attended funeral of John Martins only son on Cole's Hill. Took tea at Irene's. attended four oclock appoint= mebt of Eld Leach at Martin school house. Thus a family has been broken up in a few days and why am I spared. God only knows."

16 Tu ."Started from home to ride to Binghamton with R.Bush. Visited with Albert and Betsey most of the pm."

17 Wed."Spent the am getting photographs and started for Elmira".

18 thur. Arrived at Bro Roses in Clifton (Zada's husband, Clora's bro in law.) arrived about noon. Statted from Elmira at 5 am.

19 Fri."Went to Scottshill to prayer meeting. Pleasant ride thru very pleasant country."

21 June."Elder Rose one sermon and S. S. 5 oclock lecture and prayer conference meeting."

22 Mon."Started fro Green, took dinner at Mr. Ringons, went to stay over night at Lucieb Rowe's

23 Tue."Went to Charlott on Lake Ontario to Rochester and back to Clifton." Jennie sick"

24 Mumford went to mumford and took dinner at Mr. Hibbard;s

25 Thur."Called Dr. Craig to see Jennie, she has a fever, a little better this pm. Has had a severe attack of inflammation of the bronchi.

26 Fri."Started for Niagara. Bro Rose took me to Spencer port."

27 Sat."Spent the day at Niagara Falls. Walked a great deal st Niagara. 10,miles after 9 pm to get home."

28 Sun."Took care of children and let wife go to meeting."

29 Mon."Left Bro Rose about 9 am. Handed him $5.00 out which he is to pay the expense of sending this memorandum to me by mail, the balanced to be expended in preserved fruit. Took dinner at Mr. Angles, arrived Syracuse at 7 pm put up at the St. Charles."

30 Tue."Started from Syacuse at 7;45 am at Binghamton at noon.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 32 Nineveh, s. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 wed."Returned from our wester trip in stage from Binghamton at ½ past 9 am."

2 Thur."Frank Edgerton went to Binghamton."

3 Fri."Mother and Katy came up.'

4 Sat."Independence. Cash receipts $120., $40. on accounts."

5 Sun."Gave notice of trustee meeting of Baptist Soc. Eld. Leach one sermon."

6 Mon. Caucus. Frank Edgerton went."

10 Fri."Staddard went to Binghamton. Absent all day. Paid Hobbs 2/ for fixing baby carriage."

11 Sat."Did not attend Covenant meeting."

13 Mon. Paid 8/ for bridge commute till Nov. 1

14 Tue."Went to Deposit after a load of sand. Wife went to S. Collington's"

15 Wed."Staid at collington's on account of rain. Frank EDgerton's folks visited at at Franklin Doolittle's

16 Thur."Recived of dr. Warner 4/ for butter. Father came up to help with hay."

18 July "Self, Frank Edgerton and Stoddard all drafted."

19 Sun."Elder Leach one se mon."

20 Mon."Self and wife, Frank Edgerton and wife visited at Taggart's

21 Tue,"Heavy rain and wind. Self and wife visited at George Roots."

22 Wed."Stoddard went to Binghamton on his time. Eld Wright called."

23 thur."Paid Babcock for fixing watch 4/. Sarah went home with her father."

25 Sat."Paid Baker 2/ for beef. Russel staid with us. Sarah Absent 3 days."

26 Sun."Eld. Leach 2 sermons. Called at Mary Ann's, read letter from Sanford. (Samuel Sanford Martin).

27 Wrote to S. S. Martin (Samuel Sanford Martin)

28 Tue,"First hay day in two weeks."
Lightening struck D. Stow's barn and pine tree.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,32 Nineveh, s. of Dr, J.D.Bancroft.

1 Sa t."Staddard to springs nearly all day. Sarah went home. Stage fare 20¢

2 Sun."Elder Leach 1 sermon."

3 Mon." Wrote to New York times for father and sent 16/

5 Aug."Have had thre excellent hay days in succession. Gathered peas. Took carrots and sugar to Harpursville to make wine."

6 thur."Observed Thanksgiving at Harpursville in accordance with Presidents Procolomation. Eld Leach, Merril , Hoyt a and Methodist lergyman participating. A grand meeting. Collection of twelve dollars for Christian commision. Self paid 5/ and father 8/

7 Fri."Father returned 16/ sent to N.Y.Daily Times."

8 Sat."Covenant meeting."

9 Sun."Funeral of O. W. Mayhew at Presbyterian house. ====== wife and children went to Harpursville, found Sarah in bed with Sara Guy."

10 Mon,"Staddard went down with me and helped father in hay field for 3 hours.

11 Tue."Worked in haying at Harpursville. Brought one load to my barn. Clora and Sarah visited at Mr. Chamberlains, had A.G. Boy's horse. Received 23¢ of Lawrence Brown for ½ bu. apples."

12 Wed."Stoddard sick, was nearly sick myself. L. Scott died last night at 8 pm. Funeral at Presbyterian house tomorrow. Rev Long to preach."

13 Thur."Bought D4. Warner's Stewarts Cook stove.and boiler for $28. The boiler said to be worth $40 now."

14 Fri."Stoddard and I helped father a half day. finished haying and oat harvest. Took dinner at Frank Edgerton's with Mrs. Marvin of Norwich."

15 Sat." Paid 2/ for photos. Father came up and helped me set put strawberry bed."

16 Sun."Eld Leach one sermon at Harpersville and one at Centervillage. Hard rain."

17 Mon,"Frank Edgerton had horse to the Springs."

18 Tue,"Frank Edgerton returned returned in stage from Owego. Has been examined and exempted from the draft. Self and Staoddard started with Elliot for Binghamton joined Union League."

19 Wed," 19 Wed." Went to Owego but could not obtain examinatiob. until Friday. Went to Ithaca in Pm. attend= ed prayer meeting at the Baptist Church.

2o Thur."Took Steamboat for Cayuga Bridge. Visited Auburn and the States Prison. returned to Owego in evening."

21 Fri."Was examined and fastened to the tune of $300. and expenses. returned home with L.P.Scott. Bought a gold pen of Lwell fot $3.50."

22 Sat."Arrived home about 8 pm. Stoddard arrived home about noon today/. A.D.E. visiting here."

23 Sun."Started early and went to Otego and heafd Uncle William preach. Staid at William Henry's

24 Mon."Dinne and horse at Loveland 60¢, toll 12¢. Met Albert with Sanford and children at Gus Coles. Left Otego at 4 om arrived home at 9 pm. Received from albert on Clora's share $20.00

25 Tue."Visited at Mary Ann's with Sanford. Received from Mary Ann 16/ on expence to Otego."

26 Wed."Father went to Association at West Colsville by way of Windsor, toll 9¢. Minutes 2/. Stopped at George Wilcox's."

27 Thur."Went down to Binghamton and staid last night, ex= pense 4/. Attended Association. Contributed 8/ for feeble church's in the association. Rec eved 8/ from Fred on expenses to Otego. Also 6/ for rake teeth. 8/ from Sandford for daughter's expenses.

28 Fri."Rwturned from Binghamton. Paid $300. as commutation from draft. Paid ways for self and father $1.90. Barber and paper 15¢ Dr. Thayer 4/ Had Brizzee's horse 3 days. Recieved on L. SEymours on O Bump's bote $70."

29 Sat."Flora and Mary Martin came uo to stay till Monday. fathers cow since wed. has beem absent. found her today at F. W. Martin's.

30 Sun."Eld. Leach one sermon."

31 Monday."Sarah left after dinner yesterday with Albert and considers herself discharbed. Semt letter to Rev. H. E. Wescott."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 32, Nineveh, S. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft."

1 Tue."Settled with Sarah, Allowed her for work since school closed $20.50. Wife visited at Laura Brown's."

2 Wed."R.R. engineer's surveying near Nineveh."

3 Thur,"Funeral of Cyrenus Bunt's wife. Father attended."

4 Fri."Paid William Brizzee $2.00 in store pay for use of horse to Otego and Binghamton. Frank Edgerton has had an attack of Cholera Morbus, sick 2 days. Padi William Brizze borrowed money and knterest $15.25

5 Sat."Father and Mother came up."

6 Sund."Eld Leach one sermon. Eld C. C. Brown preached in evening. Did not attend. Flora returned from meeting with us."

7 Mon."Went to Pond with our friends and Frank Edgerton."

8 Tue.,Carried Miss Flora Martin and Miss Tice to Deposit in evening. Had Eld. Moon's old man and Frank Edgerton's wagon."

9 Wed."Spent the day looking p poor debts in Sandford."

12 Sat."Did not attend Covenant meeting. A large Circus in Nineveh making busy times in the store."

13 Sun."Heard Mr. Hoyt, one sermon a Nineveh. Eld Leach Absent from Harlursville. Eld A.P.Martin Preached."

14 Mon."Not very well."

15 Tue,"Stoddard started after dinner with his father's horse and Frank Edgerton' wagon for Binghamton after Ellen P. Uncle William shepherd's corpse tarried at our house last night. Thad,Mary and louise , Aunt Tacy, Frank and Irene to breakfast. Father, Mother and Katy accompanied them to Otego for the burial."

16 Wed."Stoddard came with Ella after dark. frank Edgerton to Coventry in pm."

20 Sun."Sick all day. Did not attend meeting."

21 Mon."Franks company from Conn, started for home this am.'

22 Tue."Father and mother returned from Otego."

23 Wed."Frank Edgerton started for the city accpmpanied by Almira and lydia P. The first frost of the season ti kill

24 Thur."Harpursville Fair."

25 Fri."Mrs. Marshall, Florence and mother visited us."

26 Sat." Gathered fall Pippins. Katy came up with Ma and staid all night."

27 Sun."Leach one sermon and S. S. Mr George Pratt and Mrs. Eld Sherwood baptized at Centervillage."

28 Mon."Caty came up to stay two days."

30 Wed,"U.L.Meeting."

Wm Oscar Bancroft, Nineveh, 33, S. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft."

2 Fri."Frank Edgerton returned fromN.Y."

3 Sat."Travelled all day to buy butter with father's mare,"

4 Sun."Eld Leach one sermon. Orson March died."

6 Tue."U.L.Meeting."

7 we d."Amy Smith commenced working for us."

8 Thur."Warren started for the City."

9 Fri."Stoddard absent two days to Deposit fair. Two very busy days for us and very inconvenient to have him away. Getting in new goods, selling $75. worth in cash the last day besides amount charged."

10 Sat."Bought a five year old mare from Widow Sherwood for Edgerton and Bancroft at $80. Frank Edgerton went to Cov= entry to buy occonel, .Did not attend comenant meeting. Mrs. Taggart boiled cider."

11 Sund."Elder Leach one sermon at Harpursville and funeral sermon for Carl?at Doraville. No communion. Widow Sherwood and Bro Yoemans staid over night with us. (Y Mary B's husband) Laura's Uncle by marriage)

12 Mon. Frank Edgerton kept com pany horse Sat. night and I Sunday night." Frankmedgerton commenced keeping company horse. Nell Stow brought up Ella P.

13 Tue."Borrowed #300. of Mag? Association for R. Bush. Mother and Caty came up. School meeting."

14 wed."Almira Hughston and two children came this evening to stay over night. Father went to Deposit with Ella with company horse and Frank Edgerton's Wagon ." U.L.A.

15 thur."Father came up with company horse and returned with Almira."

16 Fri."Went out to buy butter but failed of getting any, wife went as far as Sidney's (Sornberger)" Tea at father's"

18 Sun."Elder Leach 2 Sermons. at Harpursville. Katie sick with diphtheria."

19 Mon."Frank Edgerton to Flanchburghs (flansburghs) to buy butter

20 Tue."Frank Edgerton to M. E. Thomson for butter."

21 Almira E. married a Mr. Davis of Rochester."

28 Sun."One sermon, funeral of Ephriam Norcutt. a soldier. A substitute soldier."

26 Mon."attended political meeting at Afton. Heard H. F. Prindle of Norwich."

27 Tue,"Wm. Brizzee worked for me this day cutting wodd etc. Have company horse one week. Almira came up with children."

28 Wed."Wife helped Almira to start for Uncle Henry's"

29 Thur."Started from Mary Ann's about 5 pm for Binghamton to carry George Mantes to take C for home. Ticket from Binghamton to Chicago 18.90

30 Fri."Attended mass meeting in Binghamton, speaker Col. Sibbs of Tennessee and others. Lebt George Martin 8/"

31 Sat."Paid Tweedy for leopard skin gloves $3.00 Bill a Way's 2.75

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 33 Nineveh, s og Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

1 Sun.'Eld. Leach one sermon. Funeral on the Hill in the pm.

2 Mon."Paid Brizzee*$3.00 for four days work."

3 Tue.'Election."

4 Wed."Worked in garden part of pm. Mother and Katy visited us. Lucien Marshall called."

5 Thur."Clora visited at Frank Edgerton's. Frank sick, Kept to house all day."

7 Sat."Did not attend covenant meeting."

8 Sun."Elder Leach, one sermon and communion."

9 Mon."Went on an evening visit at Mr. Tripp, Centervillage. Paid 3¢ for whip sracker."

11 WednesdayAlvira and MarynAnn visited (John 4 Birdsall married ,2nd, a Tripp.)(see the 9th) (Mary Amn a sister of Clora's) Mr and Mrs. Tripp, Lucien Marshall, Mother, Agnes Leach and a cousin from isconsin

12 Thur,"Went to Unadilla for Edgerton and Bancroft to Bank. Nice weather. Irene Tyrrell and children visited Clora. (Francis Irene(Martin)Tyrrell Clora.s sister.)

13 Fri."Wife visited at S(?) P. Scotts."

18 Nov. "Attended U.L."

25 Wed."Bought a 300lb hog. Father took half.

26 Thur."Did not attend Thankgiving. Frank Edgerton did. Held at Methodist House in Harpursville." Heard of Flora Martin's death

27 Fri."Aunt Tacy (Tacy Birdsall wife of William Shepherd) came to father's yesterday. Father killed his calf and brought us half."

28 Sat."Father and Mother came up and made 60lbs of sausage."

29 Sun."Elder Leach 2 sermons. Father went to Bro Pearsalls ti watch with the sick. Committe of arrangement found S.S. festival to be held ist Tue in January."

30 Mon."Wrote to E.P. Wife to Ella, reveived letter from H.C.Leach."

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 33yrs, Nimeveh, s. of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

3 Dec. Thur,"Paid for Mrs. Leach's cloke combination .50
30 R.W.H. .90
S.S. Contr 1.00
Recieved of John Martin for Albert (Rev. albert Martin) on wifes share of estate (Betsey Martin, both wife and cousin of albert) $11.14. Went to Centervillage with family to attend committee meeting.'

4 Fri."Wife visited a Uncle Henry's and Aunt Tacy (Tacy Bird sall, Mrs. William Shepherd) (Uncle Henry Birdsall)

5 Sat."Mother and Mrs. S.P.Scott vksited us. Aunt Tacy went home with them."

6 Sun."Attended meeting at Harpursville. Eld Leach 2 sermons

8 Tue."Visited at A.B.Smiths (Birdsall connection) Aunt Tacy started for home."

9 Wed,"Frederick came up to U.L. Brought Cora and Lucy to stay till friday noon."

10 Thur."Attended Mr Warren's sing in pm for a while."

11 Fri."Seth B. Wilderinjured near T. Yales by being thrown from a wagon on frozen ground yesterday."

12 Sat."Attended covenant meeting. father received first invoice of clothe's wringers. Frederick apllied for church letter but failed to obtain

13 Sun."No preaching at Methodist House. Self and Eld Leach went down to Vosbury neighborhood to funeral of Bro Dickin= son's wife

14 Mon."Mather washed with new wringer."

15 Tue."Frank Edgerton sick."

16 Wed,"Ernest has been sick since Fridau. Jennie was taken yesterday afternoon with croupy symptoms. gave her an emetic of ipecac. Mother and Katy came up znd staid with us. Mr. R and co. came to sing."

19 Sat."Wrote to H. C. Leach, sent diary for 1864."

21 Mon."U.L. went to New Ohio."

22 Tue."Attended sing at Mr. Reeler's*. Took grist to mill".

23 Wed. U.L.

24 Thur."Stoddard absent 2 days at Deposit and Binghamton. Had an exceedingly busy afternoon. Frank Edgerton to sing."

25 Fri."Christams Clora and Chkldren visited at Mary's (Clora's sister) Mary Ann Martin Blakeslee)

26 Sat."Attended singing class at Mr. Tripp's, brought up grist."

27 Sun."attended fune al of N.R.William's wife on Cole's Hill

28 Mon."Paid R, Bush cash for cow pasture $8.00
use of bull .50
ride to Binghamton 2.00
Letter from H. A, Leach and from Betsey Martin
Frank Edgerton to Afton."

29 Tue."Paid taxes J.D B. 10.37
W.O.B. 8.64

30 Wed."U.L.Meeting, last time of my presiding."
Harry Martin paid Ozia Marsh and wives visited. 21 new members joined U.L Give notice of trustee meeting in May or June."

31 Thur,"Warren's sing."

1864

June

1. Wednesday. My parents went to general meeting.

2. Thursday. We all went to general meeting.

3. Friday. Cultivated out our corn and hoed some.

4. Saturday. Cultivated corn and hoed some. My mother and grandparents went to covenant meeting.

5. Sunday, Went up the creek to meeting and picked some peas for the first time this year.

6. Monday. Plowed on the summer fallow and built some fence.

7. Hoed corn and cultivated some.

8. Wednesday. Cultivated corn in the forenoon and went to Franklin in the afternoon. (Franklin is across the Susquehanna River to the east a distance of about 15 miles)

9. Thursday. Finished hoeing corn and mowed around the barn.

10. Drawed in some hay and cut some rye.

11. Saturday Rantsom and Russel Shepherd and George Thompson racked and bound rye for us and drawed one load of hay off from the hill. The thermometer stood at 90° in the shade, it rained quite hard. (Rantsom and Russel were cousins sons of William Shepherd and Tacy Birdsall, their mothers sister.)

12. Sunday. Went up the creek to meeting. My brother has got the chicken pox.

13. Monday. Uncle Henry Birdsall finished craddling the rye and Ransom, George and Delos Shepherd (Cousins (William Shepherd and Tracy Birdsall)) helped finish rake and bind it and I sot it up in bunches.

14. Tuesday. I was sick with a head ache. My father and Uncle Henry Birdsall mowed and drove a swarm of bees.

15. Wednesday. Worked in the hay field.

16. Thursday. Worked in the hay field in the forenoon and went to the village (Otego) to a law suit between Uncle William Birdsall and Thomas Place.

17. Friday. Plastered the corn and got in one load of hay. Went to the mill.

18. Saturday. Plowed on the summer fallow in the forenoon and stirred out some hay.

19. Sunday, My father and mother went up the creek to meeting

20. Monday. Drawed in Hay and one load of rye

21. Tuesday. Finished drawing in rye. Commenced cutting barley.

22 Ednesday. Finished cutting the barley. Went up to the Butternutts to a funeral. Staid all night to Uncle William Shepherds because it rained.

23 Thursday. Returned home and mowed the little meadow by the creek and mowed some beside the road.

24. Went over to Uncle Nathan (Pearce or Smith) with my grandfather (Birdsall). We cocked up the hay in the meadow by the creek.

25. Saturday. We cocked up the hay below the road and I went over to Uncle Nathan Pearce.

26. Sunday. My father and Mother went up the creek to meeting. Uncle Henry Birdsall went up to Uncle William Birdsall's to work for him a spell.

27. Monday. Sold our old red cow for $14.50 payable in one month. My father went up to the Butternutts to Uncle William Birdsall's law suit. I and Ransom Shepherd and Dolphas Smith (cousins) drawed in four loads of hay.

28. Tuesday. Ransome Shepherd helped us half a day. We got in all the hay and also two loads of barley.

29. Wednesday. Ransom Shepherd helped us half a day to finish getting in the barley.

30. Thursday. Mowed one load of hay and got it in.

31. Friday. Commenced reaping our oats

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
January

1. Sun. One sermon D.L.L. Gave Sunday School festival tickets to father, Stayed with children. Had Lovejoys horses, Frack Edgerton to Coventry yesterday and today.

2. Mon. Met to sing at Mr. Hoyts.

(4. Wed. Went to Center Village to sing. Had Frank Edgerton's cutter. First went to the mill and had some buckwheat grpund. Frank Edgerton to Church Hollow and to C.L.Jones. Got Cloak for my wife from L. Parker. This entry should have been Jan. 3.)

5. Thur. Sunday School festival. Fine evening and good attendance. Received $49.00 from sale of tickets.

6 Fri. Drove to Harpursville about noon with mother.

7. Sat. Edwin and Helen Birdsall staid with us over night. Went to Covenant meeting,

8. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon, Sunday school and communion.

9. Mon. Wrote John A. J. Birdsall to stop his paper. Sent hin 16/ Sent for Evening Post for father. Frank Edgerton to Yales in evening. Took hams out of pickle. Father put strings in it. George Merrill died.

10 Tue. Attended the Presbytery afternoon and eve.

11. Wed. Att3nded the funeral of George Merr-ill at at Harpursville. Elder D.L.L. preached. Presbitery in eve. Heard Rev. Mr. Jones of New Berlin preach.

12. Thur. Took 28 hams and shoulders to Harpursville to smoke and 2 chops. S.S.D. quite work this morning on account of a fellon on his hand, Frabk Edgerton out of store most of the time for three days.

15. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon, Sunday school. Fuberal of Platts Mandeville at Methodist House in pm Mr. Long preached.

16. Mon. Frank Edgerton visit3d at P. Champs afternoon and evening, to sing. I went over after 9 pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs.)
January

17 Tue. Self and wife went down to see Stoddard in eve.

18. Wed. Public meeting of U.L. at church. I could not attend.

20 Fri. Frank Edgerton and wife went down to see Stoddard.

21. Sat. Drove to Mary Ann's to dinner. Called at Uncle Kittles (Kittles or Rittles). Ozia and wife visited us in afternoon and eve.

22. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon. He brought new Sunday School library from city. Drove down to see Stoddard and give children a ride. ?Frank Edgerton came to my house to sing in evening.

23. Mon. Wife and mother visited at Frank Edgerton's. I to tea and sing at Frank Edgerton's on eve.

24.Tue. A,G.H. had horse to New Ohio, did business for firm and Frank Edgerton.

25. Wed. Drove down to Harry and Warren Martin's and up to R. Chamberlain . Away from store about 3 hours.

26. Thur. Attended funeral of Aunt Betsey Martin, 59 yrs. G. Edgerton took away company cutter last night.

27. Fri. Frank Edgerton and company, father and mother drove to Harpursville

28. Sat. Received of George Birdsall $.50 to send a pack of battle fields of our county to Helen Price of cards.

29. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and Sunday School. The very best of sleighing, very cold.

30 Mon. Frank Edgerton carried his folk to Aftpm, tea with us.

31. Tue. Frank Edgerton went after his folks. Breakfast and dinner with us. Carried wife and Katie to H, Martin's to visit. Went down in cutter after them.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
Febr. 4. Geerge Hobbs had company horse to carry Mission Agent to Afton.

5 Sun. D. L. Leach one sermon and Sunday school, I gave 25 cents father 50 cents for freed men (related to negroes escaping to the north.)

6. Mon. Let horse go to Afton to carry Mission agent to Padgett.

7 Tue. Paid Mission man Richardson 4/ Benjamin Blakes family moved down. Wrtoe Samuel Birdsall.

8. Wed. Frank Edgerton to U.L. Deep snow. Donation for Elder Marrin $59.00

9. Thur. Law suite of Pitts and son in law settled. Amount of A. Younger's note to enter on cash book at home. Sent Katies letter to Aunt Tacy. Sing at my house.

10 Fri. Bible study class at McMaster's

11. Sat. Covenant meeting. Cold. Frank Edgerton to B.Blakes in eve.

12. Sun. D.L.L. one sermon and SundaynSchool. Prayer meeting at Nineveh.

13. Mon/ 34° below zero.

14. Tue. 28° below zero. cold. Clear. $1.83 cash for interest on $7.30 bond.

16 Thur. Father brought home the hams. Staid at Frank Edgerton's. Mrs. Marshall and Flora visited us.

17 Fri. B. Blake drew one load of hay from Harpursville. Father and mother went to Harpursville.

18. Sat. Frank Edgerton started this am for Franklin. Irene visited us.

19. Sun. Elder Brooks preached, Had B. B.akes horse and cutter to meeting. He has had ny cutter for some days. Went to prayer meeting at Nineveh.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. H.D.Bancroft
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
20. Mon. L.E.returned this evening from Franklin.

22. Wed. Father drove to Bennettsville to quarterly meeting. Mare and F. E. cutter.

23. Thur. Returned from meeting. I went to Centervillage to hear Mr. Brooks. Went down to farm with Stephen Patrick

24 Fri. Started for Binghamton after dinner. Got to N. Stow's at 5 pm. Paid F.M.Martin (F.W.Martin) for pictures 6/ Paid Hopkins for pictures $4.00. Got to Binghamton about 8 am. Paid for Atlantic Monthly 35 cents.

25. Sat. Arrived Binghamton on this date.

26. Sun. Attended Baptist Church and Sunday School. Heard Mr. Keyser. Staid all night at Freds, supper, breakfast, dinner

27. Mon. Note to Ives and Co. due. Sent drafts for $600.00

28. Tue. Let Bowen have mare to Center village. Drew down 6 bu of oats. Note to Uncle Wm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J D. Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs.)

1 March Wed. Frank Edgerton had mare to Coventry. George E. Exchanged with B. Blake.

2 Thur. Father, Mother. wife and children visited with (at) R. Chamberlains. Went to sing in eve at Hobbs.

3 Friday. Dr. Kelly came to buy mare but she being lamed in the ankle he did not take her.

4 Sat. Did not attend meeting because mare was lame.

5 Sun. Staid at home with Ernest. Rest all went to meeting. Sent note to E.P. Sent drafts for $800.00

6 Mon. Did not attend meeting or prayer meeting, horse being lame, Saturday. Dr. L(?) Guy and others started for west. Father went to Centervillage for buckwheat at mill, had of Brizzee.

7 Tue. Father went to Dr. Kelley with mare, and to Oquaga. Frank Edgerton took mare this eve to keep.

8. Wed. Frank Edgerton ond his folks went to East Coventry, withmare all day. Thaw and rain . Stage came up on wheels, first time this year. Had colt shod and brought up. Father took his cow to Harpursville.

9 Thur. Visited at R. Chamberlain with Ed. Drove mare and colt on wagon.

10. Fri. Father took Clora to Sidney in cutter.

11. Sat. Father went to Coventry meeting. Brought wife back, Katie staid.

12. Sun. Went to meeting at Harpursville. Drove mare and colt before sleigh. Took Mare to Frank Edgerton's after meeting.

13. Mon. Frank Edgerton to Coventry to C. Smith's

14. Tue. Went to M. March's in pm and eve. 2 oclock Frank Edgerton drove mare and colt to Benj. Turin's with wagon .

15 Wed. To Frank Edgerton's to tea. Ice went out. Took mare to Frank Edgerton's after breakfast. Very warm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y. merchant.
1865 (34yrs)
March

16. Thur. Took mare home again on account of high water. Frank Edgerton went to Dr. Kelly to sell Ed. Woodruff's horse.

17. Fri. No mail. Water running through the streets in front of store. Paid Pratt's boys for helping carry things out of cellar.

18. Sat. L.S.D.? went home in pm. Water began to abait about daylight. No mail.

19 Sun. Drave mare and colt to Harpursville. Roads settled about half way.

20 Mon. Dammage to village about $2,000.00 Still warm

21 Tue. Frank Edgerton and father went to Harpursville to Caucus.

22. Wed. Took mare to Frank Edgerton's this morning. N.L.

23 Thur. L.S.D. (?) returned this evening. To Frank Edgerton's to tea. Neri Pine visited us, staid till eve

24. Fri. H.W.Mayhew had company mare and Edgerton's wagon to Vallonia. Wife visited t M.C.Martins. Sugared off from our trees.

25. Sat. L.S.D. Went home this pm.

26. Sun. Went to Harpursville with mare and colt.

27 Mon. Andrew G. Birdsall came this pm to tea. Settled with Frank E. $260.00 to be endorsed on his notes.

28. Tue. Town meeting. Drove mare and colt. Gpt Barlow rods to sell at store. Roads dry.

29.Wed. Andrew commenced work. U.L. Adj. line dir A.M. once more elected, President. Frank Edgerton to P.P.Web (Week) in A.M. Took tea at Barstow's, Frank Edgerton and wife, B. Blake and wife,Self and wife and mother. Called at T. Guy , is to see Mrs. Tyrrell , who is very sick,

31 Fri. Rain. Quite a freshet. E.P. came, an extra dinner and to tea, to stay over night. Grass green. Warm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
April

1. Sat. Clear. Father sewed peas. Went down to farm with E.P., drove mare and colt.

2. Sun. E.P. staid with us last night, rode to meeting with us.

3. Mon. Went to farm half a day with E. P. Pleasant.

4. Tue. Sewed onions, spent ½ day with Guy and Pattick settling.

5. Wed. laid by feeling quite unwell.

6 Thur. Went with E. P. to the springs. He allowed me as good as $25.00 for my services, for him on the farm. Called in Dr. E. Guy to see Ernest, he has a touch of dyphtheria.

7 Fri. Mrs. H.R.Tyrrells funeral at Harpursville. Did not attend. Finnished sawing 7½ cords of green wood Paid cash for two oz of tartaric acid, 30 cents.

8 Sat. M. Padgett helped raise house. Bought M.C. Screw at Lovejoy's. Attended Covenant meeting. Katie and R. Chamberlain went on experience and accepted for Bapt. With Mr. and Mrs. Ferris and Miss Comb's, by letter. Borrowed Mr. Moon's paddy wheel barrow.

9. Sun. Went to Harpursville. D.L.Leach, sermon and communion. Sister Katie and Martha Chamberlain and Ralph and John Sornborger were Baptized. Andrew was thrown out of the wagon just as we were starting and dislocated his wrist, bad accident.

10 Mon. Cleared out cellar.

11. Tue. Clora visited at Sidney's. Father went down after her,

12 Wed. Samuel came in stage. Elder Merrikl and wife to dinner. Mrs. Dickinson, R(?) D. Stow and Mrs. A.E.Hopkins to tea. Frank Edgerton and wife to Yale's

13 Thur. Took Samuel to the Springs got Frank Edgerton's buffalo lent H,A.Wedge last fall. Brought down E. Guy and stranger, paid cash 4/ Went to A.B.Smith's to sing in eve.

14. Fri. Sold company mare to M.O.Marsh for $125.00 Father went down and brought up Pratt's mare

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
April.

15. Sat. Drove up to Keenan's with Pratt's mare and colt. Traded colt for Keenen's mare. Was cheated in the amount of at least $100.00 she proving to be balky and as I traded with a minor have got to submit to it. Mare is five years old.

16. Sun. Attended meeting at Harpursville. All but Andrew had learned of the assassination of Pres. Lincoln and the attempt and the attempted of Sec, Seward and sons and others.

17. Mon. Father attempted to draw some plaster to Harpursville with mare and found out how badly we had been cheated.

18. Tue. Drove to Ferris and Comb's for E.P. and got their note for $1,000.00. Went to Ozia Marsh's who had bad luck going to Bingh mton with mare he bought of us. She being frightened by the cars and he sprained his ankle.

19. Wed. Attended funeral services of the President at Harpursville.m Eld Leach preached, Clora went to Mary's to stay over bight. R3 ceived the news o f the birth of twins to Bro. Rose's wife.

20. Thur. Services at Nineveh, Sunday School. D. Quit boarding at Frank Edgerton's. Has gone into partnership with A,B.Smith.

21. Fri. Went to Ozias Marsh's and took mare back and sold her to D. Dutton. Lost $10. for sake of peace and good feeling in the church.

22. Sat. Andrew left for home at noon today but returned no hitting the stage.

23. Sun. Father started with Andrew for Otego. Self and wife went to Harpursville on foot.

25. Tue. In eve rode down with Rob Stow and got Pratt's mare and wagon

26 Wed. Started about ½ past 6 am. for Binghamton with wife. Dinner at Mary's. Paid $9.00 for wifes bonnet, For ferry 6/. For lemon tree 8/ For Daily examiner paid 8/, $8.00 for picture frame, $3.75 for Katie's., 48 cebts fir cheese, 6/ for childrens knives, forks and spoons, 3 cents for candy toys

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Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs.
April
27. Thur. Staid over night, breakfast and dinner at Nelson's, tea at Fred;s. Got home at 7 pm. Found father and Andrew returned last evening.

28. Fri. Drawed manure this pm. Father went to mill. Had his mare shod. Took Pratt's mare home this morning. Fed her one bu of oats. Paid for mending strap. The firm to pay interest on pump if successful while we occupy store.

29 Sat. Pump a failure.

30 Sun. Went to Harpursville in am. Heard Paddock in Nineveh in eve.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.E. Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
May.

2. Tue. Frank Edgerton started for New York City. Julia, Mrs. Blake and Clora cleaned the store. Andrew Blake helped a little while kn the pm. Turned cow in Bush's lot,

3 Wed. Went to Harpursville in morning early and got Harpur's name and resignation of Census Marshall Henry Frost.

4 Thur. Finnished drawing manure on garden. Father to mill.

5 Fri. Wrote for Harpuers magazine. Wrote to Leonard. Father went to Harpursville.

6 Sat. Paid Mr, Hoyt cash for Advocate and --------- Father varnished sitting room.

7. Sun. To Harpursville morning and eve for D.F.L.?

8. Mon. Father and Katie staid at N. Merchants.

10. Wed father went to Centervillage.

11. Thur. Rain for two days.

12. Fri. Father and mother moved back to Harpursville. Wife helped Frank's folks paper and white wash.

13 Sat. Wife, Katie and Children went to Covenant meeting.

14. Sun. Went to Harpursville morning and evening, Dinner at fathers. Communion. Mary Blakeslee and Flora Sorborger baptized.

15. Mon. Katie staid over night and took mare home in morning. Andrew went to Centervillage in stage to get his clothes cut. Took dinner at fathers. Father came up with him after plaster.

16. Tue. Posted books almost all day. Have been much troubled with the piles for a few days.

17. Wed. Hot. Wife made soap.

18. Thur.Father, mother and Katie came up. Father sprouted potatoes.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs) May
19.Fri. Posted books.

20 sat. Paid Tice 10 cents for fixing cystern.

21. Sun, Harpursville to meeting in am, in Nineveh. in evening time at fathers.

24 Wed. Father, Mother and Katie came up.

25. Thur. B. Black plowed garden. Received cash of H. Mandeville for 1 bu, potatoes.

26. Fri. Planted in garden. Special church meeting. Did not attend. Ordered 4 pictures of soldiers at 4/ each.

27. Sat. Planted in garden considerable. Julia and Amy cleared crockery side of store. Andrew went to Centervillage after clothes.

28. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon. In eve worked at minutes. In eve attended at Nineveh. In pm at Martin school. Took Tea at Ozia's.

30. Tue. Uncle William, wife and daughter Hattie came Took them to Uncle Henry's (Harry's)

31. Wed. Wemt to Tunnel in pm. had Mr. Martin's carriage Tea at father's. Uncle's family staid at father's over night.

Notes

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34 yrs.)
June
3. Sat. Busy at store.

4 Sun. Eld. Leach one sermon. Lecture in eve.

5. Mon. Father started on census business.

6. Tue. Albert, Betsey and children came in am. Went toprayer meeting in evening at father's.

8. Thur. Tea at Mary Ann's. Albert preached at Methodist house in evening.

9. Fri. Dinner at Mr. Sorborgers.

10. Sat. Covenant meeting. Brought mare home with us. Albert's folks left at 7 am.

11. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and communion. Baptized 6; Amelia Martin, Mary G. Minn---, Mr. Freeman, Abigail Truesdell, M. Whictham and George Sornborger. Meeting at Harpursville in eve.

12. Mon. Paid 10/ for top length of stone pump. Katie staid all night, returned mare in am. Drove cow to bull a t H. L.L. Pd. 10/

13. Tue. Frank Edgerton drove to B. Blakes to visit Mrs. Lockwood & others.

14. Wed. Frank Edgerton sick. Green peas to shell.

15. Thur. Te at B. Blakes. Picked 4 quarts of straw berries.

18 Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and Sunday School. Dinner at father's. R. Peck and wife called on us.

19.Mon. Paid cash for picking $4.00 Picked 6 quarts of strawberries.

20. Tue. Paid Y.S.Welton as charity 8/ Received of estate thru john Martin per Warren E. $64.30.

21. Wed. Dinner and tea at Frank Edgerton's

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1865, June
22. Thur. Frank Edgertons and Mary Lockwood to tea, Katie came up.

23. Fri. Mother came up. Uncle Henry and Mary to tea.

24. Sat. Father cane and stiad over night about 9 pm. Had a sing in the evening at Frank Edgerton's with Mary Lockwood. Cleared our yard of hay.

25. Sun. H.E. and A. McMaster at Mr. Hoyt's church. Attended Sunday school and evening meeting at Harpursville. PM meeting at Martin School house . Tea at Irene's.

28. Wed. Went to Egbert Doolittle to second day wedding. Frank, Julia, Self and wife.

29. Thur. Received $19.10 interest on place in Harpursville Cyrus mowed part of lodged clover last night.

30. Fri. Went to Harpursville to combined meeting and so let my clover hay get inmured by shower in pm.

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Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)

1. July. Sat. Worked for father at census ½ day.

2. Sun. Elder Leach in am, Sunday school. Heard A. McMaster at 4 oclock at Nineveh. Head ache,

4. Tue, Union Sunday school festival on Hemlock Hill, quite a success. A.P.M. made a good speech.

8 Sat. Covenant meeting. 65 attended.

9. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon. Lewis (Linus) Weeks and Wm. Croffut baptized. Communion. After tea went to Irene's she being sick with diphtheria.

10. Mon. Drove to Harpursville in am.

11. Tue. Received of E. Patrick cash for our tub of butter from our cow, $7.32 Erbest sick.

12. Wed, Helped B. Blake in hayfield, 5 hours.

13 Thur. B.Blake mowed for father ½ a day, with machine. I helped him with horse four hours. Nineveh bridge broke through with load of butter. Horse killed.

14. Fri. Drawed in fathers hay. B.Blake, Andrew and team. I helped B.Blake about 3 hours with horse. Frank Edgerton to Coventry.

15. Sat. Went down and helped father on census a half day. Miss Davis came up in am.

16. Sun. So rainey did not go out till eve. Went to prayer meeting at Mr. Hoyts church.

17. Mon. Took Miss Davis over to A.P.M's Went round by Centervillage, cash toll 4 cents. Katie came up. Frank Edgerton had horse and harness to Vallonia with his mother.

18. Tue. Started to Binghamton about 5 am. Returned about 11 pm. Wife went to E. Shear's got $6.00 picture frame.

19. Wed. S.S.D. (L.L.D.?) to tea. They commenced keep-ing house tonight.

20. Thur Worked in am sorting potatoes and setting out plants.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1865 July

21. Fri. Self and Cyrus went down and helped finnish father's haying. Had Frasiers horse and Thomas' wagon. Worked very hard.

22. Sat. Wife went to Harpursville in pm and got mare shod, and helped make current wine, Mrs. Bush and Vendletta called in eve. Stoddard and wife to Breakfast

23. Sun. Eld. Lesch one sermon at Harpersville and one on the Hill. To Mary Ann's with Uncle Dan, and wife. Deacon Babcock talk excellent to Sunday School.

26. Wed. Spent last three days posting books.

27. Thur. Left home after dinner for Bennet's ville, Tea with A. Bennet's, Katie staid and helped us off, in posting books in am. Started Andrew at it.

28. Fri. B & L at arbold Bennets with Lillie Wright. That eve D. at Thomas Y. Robertson's, Massonville, L. at Eld Wattles, Stopped on account of rain.

29. Sat. B.& L. at ElderWattles. D. & L. at Henry Newlands. Called on Charlatta, Earl and Agnes Leach that were at Mr. Lullards (Sullards). Went to Bro. Wilcox's to sing, with Manwarring and others.

30. Sun. B.&.L. at Wm. Henry's in Franklin, to Otego to meeting, Uncle William preached, D, at George Birdsalls at old Homestead.

31. Mon. Breakfast and lunch at Miller's, dinner and tea at Uncle Williams. Raked hay for Uncle Williams with my mare. Rode over to Rob . W. Stimmon's(?) after tea.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
August

1. Tue. Breakfast and lunch at Aldas, dinner at Robert Hughston's, tea at home. Drove from Almira's after 3 pm. The mare has performed well all the trip. Have had a very pleasant time. Made ten visits, attended meeting and 4 calls in 4½ days.

2. Wed. Visited at Frank edgerton's in the pm with Lieut. Lewis and others. Frank Edgerton picked 5 qts. of whortle berries in forenoon. Self and family went to Harpursville in eve. Mrs. Barstow called.

3. Thur. Frank Edgerton had mare to Coventry all day. Note to Alda. Elder Wright and Missionary.

4. Fri. Exceedingly hot. Frank Edgerton kept mare last night. Drove up to R. Pecks this forenoon. Psycharatory lecture? Sent Andrew after Katie.

5. Sat. Visited pm and eve at John Martins. Bridge toll 15 cents.

6. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and Sunday School. Katie took mare home after meeting.

8 Tue. Frank Edgerton visited at Mr. Blakes.

9. Wed. Julie drove to Harpersville with Bennetts, drove mare back.

10. Thur. Delf and wife, Frank Edgerton and wife,, Mrs. Taggart and Charley visited, at George RRoot,s. Katie took care of children.

11. Fri. Drove to Center village on business for firm. Clora called at Sidney's.

12. Sat. Covenant meeting. Andrew left in stage, for home. Frank Edgerton very busy, pm and eve. Julie had mare to Harpursville to get bonnet.

13. Sun. Eld Leach morning and evening, communion. Two baptized. Father mother and Katie came up to stay over night.

14 Mon. In store all day.

15. Tue. Head ache. Did not go to store after tea.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (34yrs)
August.

16. Wed. Frank Edgerton away nearly all day. Very busy. McCully from Sandford over matters $20 offered last Saturday.

17. Thur. In store all day.

18. Fri. Frank Edgerton to Harpursville in am. Andrew returned at noon.

20. Sun. Drove Edgerton's pony to Harpursville. A.R.M. preached. Eld Leach to Deposit. Nineveh prayer meeting in eve. Andrew commenced boarding at Frank Edgerton's this eve.

21. Mon. Frank Edgerton to Spring. Away most of day.

22. Tue.m In store all day. Frank Edgerton left last eve for Syracuse.

23. Wed. Worked at trees in pm. Paid 8/ for cleaning Jennies tomb stone.

24. Thur. Henry Leach and Agnes to dinner. Spent Pm at R. ,Chamberlains Mrs. Taggarts carriage, Mr. Hoyt's horse. Letter from Zada.

25 Fri. In store all day. Wife visited at Mary Ann's I took dinner at Frank Edgerton's

26 Sat. Frank Edgerton returned just at night from Syracuse. Left Monday just at night for Sunday School Convention,

27. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and Sunday School. Funeral of Al Hokirk(?) in eve.

28, Mon. Frank Edgerton to Springs woth mother. Andrew to Binghamton all day did some business for the firm. Father, mother and Katy returned from their journey.

29. Tue. Called at Deposit ---- And to seea. Ollendorf. Started after dinner and went as far as Albert B. about 3 miles beyond Deposit.

30. Wed. $7.24 due Frank Edgerton. Anv. Put up at widow Babcock's. Anv. met at Cannon's villa. Contest at Anv. to Miss Union 8/

31 Thur, Called at Dr. Higgin/s, Deposit, to tea. Drove home after ½ past 6 pm. arrived at 10 pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865
Sept (35yrs)

1. Fri, Set out bed of strawberries. Folks took care of children so wife and self could attend anv. and went home after tea.

3Sun, Eld Leach one sermon and Sunday School.

5. Tue. Went to Coventry to Sunday School convention. Tea at R. Pearsall's.

6. Wed. In store all day. Took dinner at Frank Edgertons's.

7. Thur. Self and wife went to Coventry to Association. Father and mother cane up and took care of the children. I took tea at Bro. Gilman's, Clora at A. Converse and Katie at M. Mandiville.

8. Fri. Frank Edgerton to Blake to dinner, Katie came up with horse.

9 Sat. Covenant meeting. Fred Martin's mother introduced I.F.L. Eld Brooks came home with ma.

10 Sun . Heard Eld. Brooks preach 3 sermons. Harpursville in the morning, Centervillage at 4 pm. and Harpnnsville in eve. C.C,B. preached in pm communion. Katy came up after eve meeting to take borse back tomorrow am.

11.Mon. Cut corn. Eld Brooks started home abot 10 am. Commenced milking S.S.D. cow this morning.

12 Tue. Frank Edgerton and folks away to visit at Lev. Edgertons. Katy up. Paid Insurance agent $7.50 $7.00 of E.& B. ibsurance for $1200.00 on my house and furniture in Watertown Farmer's Co.

13. Wed. Cut corn.

14. Thur. Robert Waterman came after dinner. Went with him to H.A. Wakeman(?). Eric Sheen and wife came from Alberts.

15 Fri. Erik left after breakfast.

16. Sat. Andrew went away this am. with Robert Wetmore. Left Mr. ----- to work in his place. Katie came up for mare.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (35yrs) Sept.
17 Sun. Eld Leach one sermon at Harpursville and one on the Hill. Chamberlain came to our house Friday night and left this morning .

18, Mon. B.Blake and Curus Hoplins commenced work at altering house. Our folks commenced boarding Martha Chamberlain at 12/ a week. G. Padgett wprked 3 hours.

19. Tue. Padgett and Blake worked. Frank Edgerton returned from city at noon.

20. Wed. Andrew returned in stage. At Frank Edgerton's for dinner. B. Blake worked till noon. His son drew load of stone.

21. Thur. Andrew to the Fair at Happursville.

22. Fri. Worked inn pm. husking corn and digging potatoes. , Letter from N. Wright.

23 Sat. Count all the letters received in office next week. Hired Wm. Tice, commencing the first of Oct. till A½ril 1st at 8/ a day ($1.00 a day). Board himself and pays Jeff Brown 8/ a month fir building fire We pay Jeff 12/ a month for for sleeping in store. F & M abd Katy to dinner

24 Sun. Julia E. dangerously sick with dysentery. Andrew had my horse and carriage to Harpursville after Dr. E. Guy. Heard Eld Leach one sermon. Dinner at father's.

25 Mon. Wife set up with Julia. Andrew to Unadilla with my horse and carriage.

26 Tue. Mrs. Blake worked oart of the day.

27 Wed. Father came up with mare, helped about lathing.

29. Fri. Paid W.S.Baker cash for beef. Thad Birdsall and wife called.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (35yrs.)
October

1. Sun. Eld. Leach one sermon.Gave 8/ for Henry C. Leach benefit.

5. Thur. Took dinner at father's. He carried me to Chenango Forks. Took cars for Cortland. Staid at Hotel over night. Went out to McSamville in stage, Dinner and tea at Dr. Warners. Took cars to Syracuse in eve. Turned calf on Barstow's flat.

7 Sat. Arrived at Eld Wright's at about 11 A.M. Staid at St. Charles Hotel at Syracuse. Over night. Attended covenant meeting at Eld. Butlers,

8. Sun. Elder mWright one sermon, communion and prayer meeting in eve.

9. Mon. Visited at Gilman S. Centra's and Mr. Hubbards.

10. Tue. Left Elder Wright for Palmyra and State Convention after breakfast. Putup at Widow Mitchell's. Albert's folks came in eve.

11. Wed. Elder Leache's sermon very good. Paid $10.00 to constitute myself a life member of State Convention.

12. Thur. Arrived in Rochester at 10 am. Stopped at the National Hotel. 18/ for day. Visited at Mt. Hope.

13. Fri. Bro. Rose met me at Chili Depot. Visited House of Refuge in am.

15. Sun. Albert preached twice in Octagon school house

16. Mon. /Started from Bro. Roses this pm for Rochester. Staid over night in Rochester.

17. Tue. Left Rochester this morning for Binghamton was detained 4 hours in corning. Went to Fred's at Binghamton. Attended Teacher's ########## in eve. heard O. W Chapman, meeting.

18. Wed. Spent the day at Freds. Went to inebriate asylum. Attended political meeting in eve. Heard Gov. Noble of Wisconsin. Bought a set of Fitch Fives for $52.00 Had our photos tsken, large size with frame $3.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft.
Nineveh, Chenango Co., N.Y.
1865 (35urs.)
October.

19. Thur. Arrived at fathers in stage at 10 am. Home in pm.

20. Fri. Found cow in Bush's lot. Out 2 weeks and a day . In store. Clora sick with influenza.

22. Sun. Eld. Leach one sermon and Sunday school. Dinner at father's wife not well enough to go.

23. Mon. Frank Edgerton to Afton & nearly all day.

24. Tue. Wife washed. Mary Ann and Eld Leach called. Singing school at Frank Edgerton's.

25. Wed. Frank Edgerton and wife to Yales. Laurie and mother to dinner.

26. Thur. Frank Edgerton worked for self, shingled one side of roof. Covered Strawberries. Letter to Zayda.

27. Fri. Widow El. Robinson burried. Did not attend funeral. Letter to Betsey.

28. Sat. Frank Edgerton after girl for his mother ½ days.

29. Sun. Eld. Leach away. No meeting. I attended at Mr. Hoyt's church. Mother, Katie and Mrs, Wright came up tp tea.

30. Mon. Eld Hick's and wife to dinner. Lent melodian.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh,of Chenango Co., N.Y.
1865 35yrs.
November.

1. Wed. Father carried Mrs. Wright to Bennettville last eve. Back to dinner today. Mary ann and children to tea. Fred called. Apples come by freight at $2.36

2 Thur. Went to Windsor to Ordination. Staid over night at the George Sherwoods. on business for the firm.

3. Fri. Bought a Carhardt, 5 octave Pastor? org an for $165.00. Paid 100 dollar bond $102.22
50 " " 50.82
Cash to balance.
Returned home in eve.

4 Sat. Covenant meeting.

5 Sun. Went to Mr. Hoyt's meeting.

6.Mon. Paid Enos Hick's for gold hunter case watch $75.00
Cloras melodian $55.00 Goods for store $30.00

7. Tue. Election. Albert and Charley staid over night.

8. Wed. Father and mother to tea.

9. Thur. Spent a ½ day at home gathering turnips, etc.

10. Drawed gravel for side walks. Spent 2 hours at home haying, grapevine, etc. Albert called.

11. Sat. Covenant meeting. Elder leach handed in his resignation.

12. Sun. D.F.L. (is this Leach or Long) one sermon, Communion, tea at father's

13. Mon. Sold fathers lumber wagon to Henry Young for $60.00. Is to give his note with Chester Jones? Had Frank Edgerton's horse to mill.

14. Tue. Wife and Sorborger's to Contraband (negro slave) meeting. (Aid Society.)

15 Wed. Ernest has chicken pox. Had foot cut accidentally.

19 Sun. Eld. Leach one sermon

21. Tue. Visited at Eld Leaches in pm and eve.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D, Bancroft.
Nineveh,N.Y.
1865 35yrs.
November
22. Wed. Snowing.

23 Thur. Wrote to Mr. C.L.Brooks , A.J. Birdsall,-----
Wife to clean carpet.

24 Fri. Banked house in pm.

25.Sat. R. Chamberlain and wife visited. Martha,
Katie and Frank sick with cold.

26. Sun. Eld. Custis (Curtis)Preached.

27. ,om. Went down to Harpursville in eve, to a meeting.

28. Tue. Frank Edgerton made presentation of Green
Marino dress to Sally M. Smith for services in
choir playing the organ.

29. Wed. Frankn Edgerton's singing school.

30. Thur. Finished getting in woood. Finished banking
the house. Absent 2 hours.

Wm. Oscar Bancrodt. son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, N.Y.
1865 (35yrs)
December.

1. Wife went to Irene's, drove Frank Edgerton's horse, to Harpursville to be shod.

2. Covenant meeting.

3. Sun. Eld Custis (Curtis) preached. Contributed 40 cents

4. Mon. Serve G.B.Barnes 10 days notice

5. Tue. Went to Harpurwville with horse, and fixed the organ in pm. Clora joined freedman's aid society.

6 Wed. Went to Mrs, Smith's to sing.

7 Thur. Thanksgiving. Sidney, Alvin Mary, G. Kittle, Phelin Lucius and father and mother to dinner. I attended singing schoool a little while in eve.

9. Sat. Sent draft to Binghamton to G.H. Tweedie for $125.00, L.G.Hyer order. $100.00 sent to G. Smitzen $25 to pay balance on wifes furs.

10. Sun. Elder Leach one sermon and Sunday achool. Wife went to prayer meting in eve.

13. Wed. Went to Masonville to set on council to try Eld E. H. Covey's case.

14. Thur. Council adjourned 2 am. We came on home arriving at ½ past 6 am. Slept about 4 hours during the day, Father and mother came up to help make sausage.

15. Fri. Went to H.A.Wakeman funeral. Had Frank Edgertons horse and wagpn. Children staid with Miss Taggart.

16 Sat. Father came up and worked at sausage. Katie worked on her dress. Sarah Chamberlain staid over night. Sent two bu. buckwheat to the mill Tripp by Bro. Fuller.

17 Sun. Elder Leach in am .

18.Mon. Singing school, wife attended part of evening.

19. Tue. Frank Edgerton to Onaquaga tax collecting.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Nineveh, henango Co., N.Y.
1865 (35yrs)
December.

23 Sat. John Martin and wife staid over night with us. Took calf to Harpursville in eve.

24. Sun, Bro. Watkins from Hamilton preached am. & eve. First sleigh ride of the season. Sleighing very good.

25. Mon. Wife Katie and children to Sornborger's to Christmas dinner and singing school.

26 Tue. Wrote to Merry's Museum (a childrens publication) for Katie, enclosing cash 8/. Dated Nov. 23rd. time letter was written. Frank Edgerton off with collection. Clora to Harpursville on committee. Dinner at Frank Edgertons. Paid Giggs for fixing father's sulky.

29. Fri. Received from A Pratt for Clothes wringer $8½

Treasurers account with First Baptist Church and Society, Harpursville. 1865

Cash Collections		Disbursements.	
Febr.12	$1.23	July 22 paid D.L.Leach	$5.95
Mar. 1	1.00	Jan. 6 " L.Humiston for wood	
April 9	1.45	May 22. "	6.75
May 14	3.30		6.67
June 17	1.60	Nov 12. " D.F.Leach	2.40
Aug 13	2.37	"	1.00
Sept 10.	.85	Jan. 2. " G. Wedge for wood	3.00
Oct. 7.	2.40		25.77
Nov. 12	2.21	balance brought forward	.08
L.A.Tyrrell	5.00		25.85
W.O.Bancroft	1.00		
Nov. 25	2.00		
Dec. 10.	2.04		
17.	1.25		
24.	1.50		
31	1.87		
Jan 7	.65		
	31.72		
	25.85		
	5.87		

1 Mon."Let Mr. Watkins have mare and sulky to Bro "hamberlain's" Julia came and staid with children so wife could go to Singing achool. F. E. absent. Letter from E.Patrick. Prayer meeting at Harpursville, did not attend."
2 Tue."F. Edgerton to Osborn Hollow tax collecting. Mite Society ast Frank's Paid cash 8/ to constitute myself a member. Father (J.D.B.) came up and staid with children."
3 Wed."Good day. Donation at Mr. Hoyt's. Made Post Office re= turn. Gave Mr. Hoyte $2.00 as donation. F. Edgerton (partner) to do the same and charge to the store for Mr. Leach.
4 Thur."F. Edgerton to Harpursville with collector all day. Did not accomplish much writing
5 Fri."F.Edgerton in store nearly all day. Accomplished consid= erable book posting. Meeting said to be fine. 6 below 0°
6 Sat."F. Edgerton on busibess of the Presbyterian church nearly all day. ½ day writing done. Mother, Mrs. J.D.B.)Katie and Charley to dinner and tea. Charly brought mare back.
7 Sun."Elected Superintendent of Sabbath school. So cold did not attend in the evening. Dinner at fathers (J.D.B.) Keep mare this week."
8 Mon."Very cold. Below 0° Singing school. I went in a little while before recess. Staid with children so wife could go."
10 Wed."Presbyterian Society meeting in the evening. Sent for Harper's Weekly $3.00 from E.E.B. Drove up to Uncle Henry's after 4 bu. of oats. Absent from store about an hour."
11 1 Th8r."F. Edgerton (partner) away in the evening. Ernest (son) sich with bloody dysentery since Monday night. Letter from Betsy
12 Fri."Wife went to fathers (J.D.B) and called on Elvira."
13 Sat."Covenant meeting. Quarterly meeting at Nineveh."
14 Sun."Bro Watkins in am. Sunday school. Heard Mr Paddock in evening at Nineveh."
15 Mon."six below 0°
17 Wed."F.Edgerton started for New York at 4 am. Wife visited at,Laura's and Warren's
18 Thur,"A.D.E. arrived this evening. Mr. Brigham donation brought in about $160.00
19 Fri."Mr. Tice absent in evening. His wife sick. Went to Harpursville twice and to store to carry oil can. Julia and Mr. T. visited.
20 Sat."Received from H.P.Birdsall 8/ for new t stament. Mr Tive absent except at dinner and tea. Thawing.
21 Sun."Church in am/
22 Mon."Went to Singing school in evening. Have opened the store 4 mornings and have found 65¢.
23 Tue."Paid for Jennie's jacket (daughter) to Mrs. Freeman 3.20 Wife washed in am. F. Edgerton returned at noon."
24 Wed."Our people at Mr.Hoyte's Spent a half hour skating on river.
25 Thur."Visited at George Collington's with H. Martin Jr. and wife.. Half a day. Bridge toll 16¢
27 S t." Catie came up and I Drove down with her in the evening. ½ hour absent. F. Edgerton all evening at Blake's
28 Sun."Watkins preached twice.
30 Tue."Went to Harp rsville to see if can was mended and to see about smoked hams. F. Edgerton away nearly all day."
31 Wednesday.""Went down after kerosene can And to see Esq. Frasier for Edgerton and Bancroft. Called at father's (J.D.B.) Mrs. Freeman visited them . Sewing society at our house tonight.

Pledges for Rev. Watkins salary,=

George Colington	$5.00
Gus Fuller	5.00
Gemima Knowlton.	5.00
S. Kettle	1.25
Sornborger	5.00
Stevens	5.00
Mrs. P. Thompson	5.00
M.S. Whitham	10.00
Henry Merrill	10.00
E.M.Crofut	5.00
Peru Milder	5.00
Nathaniel Peirsall	2.00
Mr. Marshall	1.00
S. Kettle	1.20
Ferris	2.00
John Martin	6.00
Charles Doolittle	5.00

Notes and Bonds deposited in L.E.'s safe.

1 10/40 bond	500.00
in gold	12.50
1 7/30 bond	100.00
coupons	3/65
Note for 1815.00	
H.A.Ron's April 3'66	
	600.00
1 compound Interest note	
	10.00
Mr. Ron's int April	3.88
F. W. Martin note	300.00
Mary's note	840.10
" "	122.09

several very small items.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft (36yrs)
Earlville, N.Y.
1867
January

14 Mon. Worked cleaning house. Had horse sharpened at A Alexander's Cutter fixed at Merwin's Received of S.S.D. (?) milk account 0.45

15 Tue. Self and mother started for Earlville ½ past 7 am. Norwick 2 pm. Dinner and horse bait 12/

16 Wed. Paid Babcock for feed cash 95 cents. Mrs. Humphrey for washing & ironing, cash 8/

17 Thur. Attended donation of Eld R.L.Pierce Paid cash $5.00

Donation	$143.89
Expense	11.41
	122.48

18. Fri. Cold. Bought bottle of paregoric at Cotton's Wrtoe to Frank Edgerton. Received of L.S.Doolittle for my interest in wheel barrow 16/

19. Sat. Very blustering. Father and mother started, upset and returned. Attended covenant meeting. with father. Handed letters for Clora and self to church.

20 Sun. Attended Sunday School and p,m. service. Father and mother also. Prayer meeting in the eve.

21. Mon. Father and mother started for home about 8 am. Paid for horse feed 63 cents. One pound turnips 2/2

22. Tue. Commenced invoicing, Boys sled 20/

23. Wed. Attended Mr. Irmond's donation
Receipts $267.00. I gave 16/ Heard Dodge Family sing.

25. Fri. Received letter from Katie yesterday. Norman Felt from load of straw and neck broken

26. Sat. Invoice, dull week for trade. Traded more today than any 2 days before.

27. Sun. Bro. I(?) H. Hendrick and wife to tea. No meeting, Eld attended burial of Normal Felt Prayer meeting in eve.

29. Mon. Mr. L. Rode to Hubbardsville will Mr, Herrington

31. Thur. Funeral of G. Miner.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft (36yrs)
Earlville, N.Y.
1867
February

1. Fri. Insurance due, paid. Sold my Nineveh place to I(?) L. Scott for $2600.00, fire wood in shed $25.00. South wind, thaw. Wife to store. O.W. to Good Templers

2 Sat. Rain. Mr. Cotton away. Cammillers and old lady commenced eating with us, at dinner. Took O.W.L.'s note and E.,V. Whites for amount due me.

3. Sun. Self and Jennie attended M.E.Church and Sunday scgool class. Ernest to Baptist church in pm. Prayer meeting in eve.

5 Tue, Went to Hamilton by stage 4/, dinner 40 cents. Exchange on draft 10 cents by B & G.

6Wed. McArving and Ireland bought out Lucian Cotton Cammilly finnished work this am.

7 Thur. Made a verbal bargain with Esq. Campbell for Widow Buds (Byels) place, $1500.00 Paid A. Benton 4/ as my share of expense ofsurprise at Eld Pierce's Pleasant day. Opened store.

8. Fri. O.W. to S.L. in eve.

10. Sun.Elder Pierce echanged with Bro. Esmond. One of the coldest, most blustering days of the year.

11. Mon. O.W. openned store. Quiet day. Wife paid Blandy on milk account

12. Tue. Letters from Katie and Grandmother Bancroft. Started about 2 pm for E. L. Bancroft's, Brookfield Had Levi Pierces horse and cutter. Left Jennie with Mr. Cotton's.

13 Wed. Len and wife went up to Eliza's with us. Staid over night at Gilberts. Had pleasant time.

14. Thur. Arrived home about 1 pm. Letter from Mary Ann. Sleighing used up in the valley. Paid Levi (Len) Pierce for use of horse and sleigh 2 days $4.00

15. Fri. Coupon due $3.65 Openned store.

16. Sat. O.L.(?) attended church meeting a while in eve.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (36)
Earlville, N.Y.
1867
February.

17. Sun. Heard Mr. Coooper of Hamilton at M.E.Church Elder Pierce in pm.

18. Mon. Note to S(?) W. Hotchkiss and /A.Blake Sent letter to Nat. Baptist.

19 Tue. Paid Esq. H.A. Campbell for blank for deed 10 cents. Took tea at Orlando Cotton's. Letter from A. L(?) Birdsall

20. Wed. Letter to Mary /Ann. Letter fro Katie Call- and took some measurements of our new home. Orlando Cotton 2 bu in ear corn 65 cents.

21 Feb. Paid Orlando Cotton 12½ lbs beef cash 6/ They took breakfast with us and started about 9 oclock.

22 Fri. O.W. to G.L. in cars. I shelled ½ bu corn in Am.

23 Sat. Took corn to mill. 57 lbs. Good sleighing.

24. Sun. Atttended M.E and Sunday school in am. Wife and Children to Baptist church in pm. I staid with baby/

25 Mon. Paid milk accpunt 2/

26 Tue. Circulated petition for P.O., brother Sheffield carried me up to L. Miller's Letter from Katie,

27.Wd. Bought a Saunder's pictorial for Ernest, 20 cents. Mrs. Benton called.

28 Thur. Sleighing used up again. Went with Andrew Benton and wife ,Rolin Calkin's and wife up tp Sam Hendrick's Hdd a pleasant visit and a good sing. Jennie staid at Mr. Leonard's.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft.
Earlville, N.Y.
1867.
Ma-rch
1. Unpacked crockery. O.W. & S.L. in evening.

2. Sat. H.S. Leach came down in stage . Went to Bolville to caucus about 2 hours. Rode with D.Crane

3. Sun. Mr. Damsford preached. Leach talked ineve. on Missions. Paid contribution 2/ at M.E. C hurch sing

4. Mon. Paid H. C. Leach stage fare 8/ Sent money to bank by him. O.W.. to S.L.

5. Tue. Letter from Katie. Town Meeting. Only one ticket up.

8. Fri. Commenced doing Beandry's chores.

10 Sun. M.E. in am. Children in Sunday School. Wife to Prayer meeting in evening.

11 Mon. Wife washed. Bought of Widow Buel (Bud) thru Mr. R.S,Hall one bed stead $5.00
one wash stand $2.00
one Jug vinegar 20 cents.

12 Tue, Wrote S.L. Scott & E.D. Robins.

13 Wed. Paid for acknowledgement of deed of my Nineveh place 0.65.

16 Sat. Attended closing excersiz s of District School. H/P/Birdsall returned to father for me $5.00

17 Sun, Church, Sunday school Communion.

19. Tue Letter from Lila Scott and Katie

22 Fr. O.W. & S.L. (This may be sons of Temperance.)

24 Sub. M.E. in am. Wife Baptist in pm.

25 Mon. Borrowed $300.00 of Mr. Giles (Siles) for one year to enable Mr. Leonard to pay his brother.

26. Tue. Leant H. C. Leach$10.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Earlville, N.Y.
1867
March
27. Wed. Commenced moving, father came about noon.

28. Thur. Spent day moving. Haul work. Letter from Katie.

29 Fri. Went to Hamilton for firm to pay Bank note.
Father, horse and wagon carried up sign wprtth 12/ worth
Bought hay and cotton mattress for $12.00 Milk $2.25

30 Sat. Paid Mrs. Blanding for making clothes,
cash $2.00
Milk .35
Started for H 10 am
Dinner at Oxford .70
Arrived Harpursville 10½ in evening.

31 Sun. Watkins preaxhed farewell discourse. Deacon Babcock and wife to tea. Singing School concert in evening

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Earlville
1867
April

1, Mon. paid Frank Edgerton cash for money had by Uncle Henry, $31.75. Received for my place $2525.00. Monday two loads of goods. Settled with G.L.Dort and Co. Spencer paid cash for rattle and bu 25 cents.

2 Tue. Started for Harpursville about 10 am, arribed At Norwich about 8 pm, toll 4 cents.

3. Wed. Staid over night at the Eagle, Norwich, bill $2.25 Paid E.V.Chapin $1,000.00 on firm note. Arrived Harpursville about 3 pm. H.C.Leach came down last eve in stage.

4. Thur. Father and Henry started 7½ am. Paid $1500.00 fpr my place. Lamp chimney 10 cents.

5. Fri. Fixed window shades at the house.

6. Sat. Paid Avery for hay and straw for Bancroft and Leonard $1.36

7. Sunday. Heard Elder Pierce one sermon. Prayer meeting in the evening.

8. Mon. Wife washed. Had Chapin to fix pump but did not succeed.

10. Wed. Letter to father. One from Katie. Removed some banking but frozen hard yet

11. Thur. New Store opened, in full blast this day.

14. Sun. Heard Mr. Brown. of Afton at M.E. Church. Eld Pierce in pm. two speeches. At M.E. house.

16 Tue. Paid cash to Esq. Bennet for acknowledgement etc. for estate deed for Mill farm 0.88. Plant peas.

17. Wed. Paid Sheffield Cash for 3 quarts of milk .15 He gave me some early potatoes for seed. Letter from mother. Wrote to her and Frank. Wife wrote Julia.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville, N.Y.
1867
April
18. Thur. Letter from H.A.Rose with draft for $48.96 as interest on note for one year.

19. Fri. Most busy day in store.

20 Sat. Planted early potatoes.

21 Sun. Wife went to meeting and prayer meeting. Funeral of ?Esq. Wilburs wife. Openned church, built fire and rung bell. Milk of Sheffield 1½ qts.

22 Mon. Two bundles of straw 6 cents

23 Tue. Wife washed. Bought milk and borax.

24.Wed. Paid express for F. E.'s pistpl .30 Bought Sal ammonia.

26 Fri. Sore throat. Palate affected. cannot talk much. In store part of day.

27 Sat. Did not go to store. Worked at banking a little. Letter from Julia.

28 Sun. Wife to meeting.

29 Mon. Store ½ day.

30 Tue. Letter from Katie.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (36yrs)
Earlville,N.Y.
1867

May 4. Sat. Cora L. staid with Jennie last night. Do not get over my cold yet. Wrote enclosing draft for 3¼ for Harper Magazine and Nat. Baptist.

5 Sun. No meeting, Eld. Pierce sick with a boil. Bro. S. Hendrick staid for tea. Bro. A. Benton called to sing. Jennie went to Sunday School.

6 Mon. Wife washed, Rain. Henry and Eddie Leach and Guy came in the eve, to stay over night. Brought letter from Katie.

7 Tue. Guy carried boys to Hamilton and returned. Bought hisptry of 114th Regiment of Mr. Shaw, quite interested in reading it/

8 Wed. Rained 3 days. Guy started about 9½ am. Sent letter by him. Business matters look discouraging, would that I had wisdom enought to gvuide in worldly matters.

9 Thur. Pretty good business today.

10 Fri. Sent letter to albert Martin

11 Sat. Received appointment of post master at Earlville. Letter from Katie. Three good days business in succession.

12. Sun. Elder preached a good sermon. Prayer meeting in Eve.

13. Mon. Rode to L. Miller with with Mr, Sheffield.

14 Tue. Filled out bond for Post Office. Linus Miller Ezek. Saunder signers. Rain . Father and Katie came up before dark. I rode to Hamilton with Sheffield.

15.Wed. Set out grape vine. Paid expense and stamp of Acknowledging Harpur, $1.18 B & G.

16. Thur. Father started for Harpursville about 8 am. Got Eld. Pierces horse and wagon for self and wife to go to Hamilton.

17. Fri. Kept Eld. Pierces horse over night by his request and fed him a ½ bu. ground feed. Bought Parlor bed room carpet and bonnet frame. Wife and Katie made bonnet.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft. (36yrs)
Earlville, N.Y. Merchant and post master.
1867.
May.
18. Sat. Paid Eld. Pierces also 8/ for use of horse to Hamilton. Have been very busy in store today, could not attend Covenant meeting. Wife was not able to go.

19. Sun. Baptist Sunday School Sermon by Eld Pierce and Communion. Choir sing in pm. No prayer meeting in eve on account of being no wood. Self and wife called at Mr. McMaster's.

20. Mon. Rain. Babe and wife's cold worse, rest some better. Katie commenced going to school.

21. Tue. Jennie commenced going to school.

23. Thur. Laid by with pain in head part of two days. Called in Dr. Stewart

25. Sat. Mr. Leonard planted his garden.

26 Sun. Rain. No service at Baptist church.

27. Mon/ Letter to Katie and Almira.

28 Tue. Bought arithmetic for Katie of Mr. Leonard. Wife quite poorly. Got manure on garden.

29.Wed. Paid for Hericks plaster (Herricks) 2/ Rain.

30 Thur. Had Mr. Stuarts horse to plaw garden. Eugene helped drive. Paid him 5 cents.

31 Fri. Attended Midland R.R. meeting at M.E. church in pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville, N.Y., Merchant and post master. (36yrs)
June 1867

1. Sat. Planted corn, potatoes and squash in garden.

2. Sun. Heard Eld. Pierce one sermon and Sunday School. Wife unwell, did not attend prayer meeting in eve.

3. Mon. June 3. Cash from store for R.R, meeting 8/

9. Sun. Elder Pierce Am. sermon and Sunday School. Katie attended M.E. in am. Bro and Sis. Hendrick to gea. Singing school and prayer meeting in eve.

11. Tue. Letter from home and Katie. Stuck pumpkin seeds.

12. Wed. Transplanted Calla, took over to Mrs. Chapman.

13 Thur. Bought a spelling book for Jennie, 2/ B.& L.

15. Sat. Rain. Not enough out to church for a quorum.

16. Rain. Few out. no meeting. Few in eve for prayer.

17. Mon. Leo White commenced working for the firm for his board.

19. Wed. Hoed in garden. Put up leach and a box and one barrel of ashes for Mr. Leonard. (Lye for soap making?)

20. Thur. Letter from Frank E.

21. Fri. Katie got letter from Loraine. Crops growing finely. Sent Harpur deed and L to father.

23 Sun. Self and wife went to meeting at M.E.House. and prayer meeting.In eve, self and Katie to sunday School and Elder Pierces sermon in pm.

24. Mon. Wife washed. Helped her what I could. L. White commenced boarding with Mr,, Leonard this am

25. Tue. Leonard and Arminda visited us, dinner and tea.

26 Wed. Picked one quart ripe strawberries in garden.

27 Thur. Hair cut 10 cents. Same for Jennie 4/

29. Sat. Sent letter to L.E. acknowledging receipt of $800.00 which I am to give him note for.

30. Sun. Self and Katie went to M.E. Church in am. Self and wife to Baptist church in pm sing and prayer meeting.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville, N.Y. Merchant and Post Master (36yrs)
July. 1867.

1. Mon. Commenced boarding the clerk this am. Pick-about a quart of strawberries. Living, clothing, etc. from April to July, the first of each month. $94.98 Provisions for family $60.10

2. Tue. Letter from home, Katie sick, and staid from school.

3. July Letter to father. Received wardrobe etc. Sent Frank Edgerton's note to father.

4 Thur. Katie went to Sr. Sr--- to picnic. Henry Leach came down. Heavy wind. Storm did great deal of damage to hop yards.

5 Fri. Henry went back after dinner.

7. Sun. Sekf and Katie to M.E., wife to Baptist. 2pm sing and prayer meeting.

9. Tue. Leonard and wife visited us to dinner. Letter from home.

14 Sun. Quarterly meeting, M.E. church

15. Mon. Paid Sheffield for milk cash $3.00

17 Wed. Letter from home yesterday. Left at ½ past 9 am. for Atica(?) This is Utica.

18 Thur. Bought sofa $25.00
rocker 13.00
table 18.00
chaors 10.00

19 Fri. Left Utica ½ past 2pm. (He erred this entry should have been on the 13th. Turned 2 pages.)

20 Sat. Returned from Utica on 14. Frank Edgerton and wife came in the am. Did not attend Covenant meeting.

22. Mon. Frank Edgerton and self went to Hamilton to meeting. Funeral of Joe Oman's child.

23 Tue. Letter from home and from Irene. Children both Improving. Mrs. White worked at dresses.

24 Wed. Frank Edgerton and wife to dinner, after which started for Norwich.

25 Thur. Went to Hamilton on foot. Returned on stage. Left $7.30 bond for 5/20. Borrowed magnet of Henry Leach to get scissors out of well.

26 Fri. Wife washed, borrowed soap of Mrs. Leonard.

Wm.Oscar Bancroftm Son of Dr. J,D.Bancroft
Earlville,N.Y merchant and Post Master
1867
July
27 Sat. Baby sick. Wrote E.V.Chapin

28/Sun. Attended M.E. and Baptist. Katie in am wife in pm. Heard a Hamilton Student. Prayer meeting.

29 Mon. Letter to Frank Edgerton. Katie commenced attending school. Our new furniture came.

31 Wed. Wrote father. Jennie commenced attending school again.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville,N.Y., Merchant and Post Master.
1867
Aug.

1. Thur. Self, wife and all the children went up to L. Hendricks for afternoon tea. Had Ekd. Pierce horse, no charge. Had L.H.B(?) wagon to attend Hamilton anniversary.

2. Fri. Paid balance of Chapin note Self, Katie, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart attended evening excersizes at Hamilton. Stuart's horse.

4. Sun. Self and wife to Hamilton to hear Cleghorn. Henry and Mig Davis home with us. Katie abd self in evening to hear Dr. Fuller

5. Monday. Albert and Betsey came about te time. Heard Dr. Hardman at M.E.House.

6. Tue. Self, Albert and Katie to Hamilton all day.

7 Wed. Self and Clora went up in Am. Self and Katie in evening.

8 Thur. Albert and betsey started for home in pm. Received of Albert 16/ to pay A.G.Birdsall for horse.

9. Fri. Called on Brother Hardman paid cash, 8/, for both of his Amber digestive. Henry came in pm. stage.

10 Sat. Henry left in pm stage.

11 Sun. Did not attend M.E. Heard Eld Higgins in pm. Heard Dr. Hardman in eve. and pm.

12. Mon. Bro, Hendrick came down after his wagon. Letter from Loraine.

13. Tue. Letter from home. wrote reply. Ernest sick with ague in face. Transplanted turnips.

18. Sun. Deard Eld. Pierce at M.E. in pm. Hail in eve.

19 Mon. Helped Clora Wash. she is sick with falling sickness.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville, Merchant and Post Master.
August, 1867

22. Thur. Father and mother came about 6 pm. Mr. Leonard and family went to Indian show. Paid $1.00 cash for feed.

23 Fri. Last day of school, Clora and mother went.

24 Sat. Remember deed to be recorded at Norwich. Father and mother and G.W. Sheffield to tea. Went to Hamilton, received difference in exchange of bonds, $1.97

25 Sun. Eld. Pierce and a Jerusalem missionary by name of Jones have boarded at at Lev White's two weeks.

26 Mon. Father, mother and Katie started for Harpursville about ½ past 7 am. We started for Norwich by stage

27. Tue. Staid at B. Blakes. Took Packet for port Dickinson. Arrived at Hatties about 6 pm. Enjoyed ride very much.

28 Wed. Went on foot to Bingh. Took cars for de½osit

29 Thur. Stopped at Deac n Babcock's. Took dinner at Henry Merrill's. Rode to Center Village with Bro Shutts.

30 Fri. Went to Norwich in am. Took Lewis Alexanders horn. Went to E. Shears(?) to meet Clora and children.

31. Sat. Staid at Uncle Daniel Martins. Came by Irene's(?) to dinner and Frank Edgerton's for tea.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft
Earlville, N.Y. Merchant and Post Master.
1867
September.
1. Sun. Did not stir out. Rain.

2. Mon. Took Birthday dinner at Mary's, 37 Yrs. Robert H. and Almira down. Had Alex' horse and Bill Wedges wagon to Nineveh.

5 Thur. E. Guy credit by W.O.Bancroft on E. & Bancroft's books to date. Visited at L. Yales

8 Sun. Staid at L. Edgerton's over night. Attended Presbyterian meeting and Sunday school.

9. Mon. Dinner at Sidney, tea at Uncle Harry's. Kept Frank Edgerton's horse two nights. Settled with Frank Edgerton to date. I have over drawn about $450.00. Received cash divided $200.00 = $650.00

10 Tue. Drove to Wm. Bridger's before breakfast. Albert rode to Onaquaga, Dinner at Frank Edgerton's. Settled with Walter Baker. Paid Cash to settle his claim$9.48 Left 16/ with Frank Edgerton for Champlin for use of horse and wagon to Earlville.

11. Wed. Started for home 7½ am. Dinner at Norwich, hotel Eagle. 1 doz photos of Jennie and Ernest and 2 pictutes of Millie for $3.00

12. Thur. Frank Edgerton to charge me on Company Book Wedge matter $7.00, Allerande note $3.00. Wrote to him about it and Wedge matter.

13. Fri. Wife washed. Mrs. Leonard sick. Sent for Homeopath from Sherburn.

14. Sat. Sheffield in full to this day for milk $2.10

15. Sun. Elder one sermon and communion. Prayer meeting in eve.

16. Mon. Commenced getting milk at Mr. Stuart's Wife washed. Cash due B. & L. $5.00 Paid for school bill, milk etc.

17 Tue. Ball play, Norwich and Brookfield, score 37 to 57

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Earlville Merchant and Post Master.
1867
September
22. Sun. Eld one sermon, Sunday school, prayer meeting in eve.

23. Mon. Called at Bro. Millers. Started at 2 pm. with Elser Pierce for Norwish. Staid over night at Bro Poonlite??

24 Tue, Started before daylight. Bre kfast at Alda's Arrived at Bainbriidge ½ past 11 am.

25 Wed. Staid over night at Bro Simmons. Pleasant family, contributed 2/, barber 10 cents. Left at 3 pm for father's

26 Thur. Started at 7 am for Earlville. Dinner at Bro. Bentin. Arrived at 7 pm. Killed one chicken.

29 Sun. Attended M. E, in am. Wife to Baptist in pm. 3 to prayer meeting, rain.

30 Mon. Went t Hamilton.

1 Sept 1867 to Katie Bancroft gave my note for $11.88
Laura Bancroft 11.77

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Banctoft.
Earlville Merchant and Post Master,
1867
October

1. Tue. Took stage at 3½ am. for Utica. Cars at 1 pm. Steam boat drew at 8 pm at Albany

2. Wed. Put up at Love joy. Attended Bible Union in eve.

3 Thur. Went to Central Park with Albert and Betsey in pm. Attended bible Union in eve.

4 Fri. Went to Bauman's? in eve.

5 Sat. Went to Patrick's in eve. Rain.

6 Sun. Heard Mr. Galegher in am. S.S. and communion at Strong Place in pm. Started for home via Hudson River R.R. in 6;30 train in eve.

7 Mon. Arrived home, 3;30 pm. All well.

8 Wed. Pretty tired. Marked goods bought from Frank of $600.00

9 Wed. Went to Fair grounds a little while.

10 Thur. Last day of fair. Big crowd. Gilbert and family and Mrs. Hendrick to dinner.

11. Fri. Ball play. Even on bond (Board) with Mr. Leonard.

12. Sat. Bought 4 tons of coal $7.00. Letter from Katie, Sent complaint to Merwin on on wedge matter. Postage 0.06. Affidavit 0.10

13. Sun. No meeting on account of Alice Wentworth funeral at M.E. Church , self and children went.

14 Mon. Husked corn, dug potatoes and picked apples. Went to mill and got 8 pounds of buckwheat flour. @ 4 cents.

15 Tue. Sam Hendrick delivered load of potatoes at store. Commenced burning coal in cook stove. Noon White gave up sick.

16 Wed. Letter from home. Ernest's birthday. Went to Sherburn. Tea at A. Benton's.

Wm.Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earville, N.Y., Merchant and Post Master.
1867
October
19. Business church meeting. Did not attend.
M. Southworth's funeral

20 Sun. Eld P. one serman, Prayer meeting and Sunday School.

22 Tue. Wi e washed yesterday. Have had a long spell of beautiful weather. Rain today. Leo White commenced boarding with us today. He was absent from Mr. Leonards last week after tuesday.

23 Wed. Cleaned well. Got in 21 pumpkins and 11 squashes. Wrote A,G, Birdsall for firm.

26 Sat. Even on Board (boarding slerk) calling it full time at Mr. Leonard's last week.

27 Sun. Wife attended ch8rch I ataid with Willie.

28. Mon. Wife did Mrs. Leonards wash and ironing. Mrs. Leonard says she will do sewing.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville, N.Y. Merchant and Post Master.
1867.
November.

1. Fri. Father, Mother and Katie came this eve, 6 pm.

2. Sat. Received of father, cash, $10.00 which he has endorsed on note I hold against D. Dickson.

3 Sun. Eld. Pierse one sermon. Mony Kyah lectured in eve.

4 Mon. Wife washed. Dull day.

5 Tue. Election, went to Sherburn. with G.W.Sheffield to vote. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard visited us. Snow.

6.Wed. Ground white with snow.

7. Thur. Father and mother went up to N. Shepherd yesturday. Returned today. (Nathan)

8 Fri. Funeral of Clarence Carrell. Father and mother returned from Nathans

9 Sat. Have boarded White two weeks now. Eld Pierce, wife and Jasp(?) visited us.

10. Sund. Eld. Pierce discourse and prayer meeting. Father, self, wife and Catie went.

11 Mon. Father, mother Katie started for Leonard and home.

12. Tur. Took care of Ernest nearly all day. Wife washed.

13. Wed. Took care of Ernest nearly all day.

14 Thur. Paid Sheffield cash for milk 10 cents.

Harpursville?

16 Sat. Arrived at Hamilton at ½ past 11 am. Settled law suit foolishly. Started about 2 am breeakfast at Calvin Taggarts.

17. Sun. Arrived home at 2 pm. Paid 8/ for horse shoeing at Norwich. Breakfast at B. Blakes Started at 2 am

18 Mon. Paid cash for alcohol, 38 cents.

21 Sat. School tax $2.99

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, sond of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville merchant and Post Master.
1867
Movemver.
23. Sat. Employed C, Sprague 3 days. Lev. had boarded with Mr, L. three days.

26 Tue. Ernests fever run 21 days. without any perspiration.

28 Thur. Thanksgiving. Mr. Tackabery? preached.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
Earlville Merchant and Post Master. (37yrs)
1867
December.
1. Sun. None to church,

2. Mon. wife washed.

3. Tue. Paid for M.E. Soc. Library cash 2/. Went to Hamilton. Had Buel's horse for loan.

4 Wed. Paid 18 cents for B.W.Flor--- The Clerk com menced boarding with with us again.

9 Mon. Lev. commenced boarding with Leonard again.

12 Thur. Paid cash for pitcher pump $4.50
putting in pump .90
16. Mon Had coal stove put up, cost $20.00 Pipe 1.75

20 Fri. Father came this eve at 6½ pm. Miss Evans was to have lectured at Baptist church, failed to come.

22 Sun. Wife and I went to church. Eld Pierce changed with Eld. Bennett of Sherburn.

23. Mon. Father and mother started for home about 7 am. It has proved a very blustery, tedius day, absent from store most of day.

24 Tue. Wife attended M.E.Church.

28 Sat. Summons against Oothoudts 1 pm.

31 Tue. Note in back of book
Frank and A.D.Edgerton paid credit by paying Fitts, Austin & ------ (Turner?) bill for Bancroft and Leonard Jan.4
$177.61 int 89 cents = $178.50

for Ringbone-apply once a day
½ oz red precipitate Thoroughly mixed for ointment
½ oz blue stone Keep hoof greased.
½ pint terpentine

A poltice of onion morning and nite for 3 or 4 days will cure a felon

Bancroft and Leonard owe me one note for Nov.26'66 $1732.00
H.A.Rose April 1,1867 648.00
Bancroft and Leonard Febr. 1, ;867 600.00
O.W.Leonard 200.00

Due Mayl - Nov 1
M.A.Stone bond # 14815
Frank /Edgerton 45041
W.O.B. 22322
124944

Wedge owed 268.78 turned to Esq. Marvin

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Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, 37 yrs.
1868
January
2. Thur. Mrs. Humphrey helped. Paid .10 for milk
3. Fri. Mary Titus commenced work

4. Sat. Father and Lorain arrived this eve.

5. Sun. Mary Titus left, paid her 2/

6. Mon. Commenced boarding Lev this am.

11. Sat. Commenced burning woood in the cook stove this am.

12. Sun. Elvira came this pm.

13. Mon Got milk at Stuarts this am.

14. Tue. Bought cow of Robin Calkins, coming in next spring. Ps-id $70.00

15 Wed. Bot hay of Mr. Henry at $16.00 at barn

19.Sun. Paid Dr. Lyman for one visit $3.00

20. Mon. Albert and Betsey came this evening.

21. Tue. Mr. L. Discharged. Lev, Whote, Albert and Betsey left at 2 pm. Took the child for a ride for the first time.

22 Wd. Wrote Katie.

25 Sat. Commenced selling milk this am. Mr. L. commenced boarding C. Sprague

28 Tue. Sent Hall and B. Gold bond $3,00 #22322
H.C.Leach went home.

29 Wed. Sent for Norwich paper.

30 Thur. Letter from catie

31 Fri. Paid$2.75 for 45½ lbs of feed.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, 37 yrs
1868
February
1. Sat. Commencing delivery of milk to Shaws.

2. Sun. Lorraine went to church.

7 Fri. Elvira left last night at midnight. Paid her $3.00 She has done us much good. (Eloise?)

8 Sat. LeRoy Bennett and wife staid here last night, on way to the Elder's

9 Sun. Father very sick with chill, threatened with fever, Exposed yesterday drawing water from Sheffield's

10.Mon Engaged William Youngs to do the chores. O.W.L. stopped paying for milk.

11. Tue. Leroy and Irene came bringing mother and Katie and turning our messenger back at Mt. Upton.

12. Wed. Mr. L. Borrowed a bed from Mr. Sheffield for us. Leroy left for home 3:00 am.

13 Thur. Went to store for a little while

14 Fri. Posted books all day for the store at home.

15 Sat. Commenced copying invoices.

17 Mon. Commenced boarding aMr, Clerk.

20 Thur. Self and Irene watched.

21 Fri. Self watched.

22. Sat. Leroy came after Irene, 4 pm. Mr. C.White and W. Ham spent a week copying invoices for the store.

23 Sund. Katie and Jennie went to meeting. Leroy and Irene started for home 9 am. 28 below 0 at daylight Mrs, Hubbard watched. Paid Leroys horse keep at hotel.

24 Mon. Sent letter to Elvira. Ernest taken sick this pm again. Letter fromm Uncle H. Load of hay drawn. Mr.. L. Commenced boarding again.

25 Tue. Sat up. Have not felt like doing much, more than to care for the sick. Clora better,

28 Posted books and went to the store twice. Wrote L.E. and A. Martin Mrs. Ch--- sat up Posted books yes terday and to store.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of /Dr. J.D.Bancroft. 37yrs,
1868
March.
2 Mon. Mrs. O. Smith and Widow Smith sat up. Snow.

3 Tue. Paid .35 for Mrs. Windoms Soothing Syrup. Brooks sat up. Town meeting in Hamklton. Mr L. and wife both on sick list, self in store most of day.

4 Wed. Took care of wife. In store ½ day

5. Thur. Mrs. Berking sat up. In store ½ day. Father out for the first time. Found Willie with a scrotal hernia

6 Fri. Mrs. Black sat up.

7 Sat. Mrs. Powel sat up.

8 Sund. Mrs. Black sat up

9. Mon. Received from Linus Miller for care of Baptist Metting House cash $10.00 Took care of wife. Self went to store. Commenced selling John Brown milk , one quart a day. Mr. Blake went home on stage.

10 Tue. In store ½ day.

11. Wed. Fq ther rode to Sheffield's, Elder P's and to mill. Got ground corn. Ernest taken very sick with inflammation of the lungs. I fear wife taken cold, affected right lung. Mt. L. had horse to give wife a ride.

15 Sun. Did not go to meeting. Eld Brown of Plymouth preached as a candidate. Wagons commenced moving for the first time since December.

16 Mon. Ernest has been very dangerously sick again with inflammation of the lungs. Think him to be improving now. Wrote F.E. and H.P.B.

22 Sun. Ernest has been very sick with lung fever. but God in his mercy has spare-d him again. Clayton quit yesterday.

23 Mon. Doctor announces he has given up all hope of Clora recovering from consumption. Wrote to Samuel, Zada, Betsey and Mary Ann. Mr. R.'s little boy died at 6 weeks of age.

25b Wed. David Clark's girls sat up

31 Attended funeral of Mr Sheffields sister from N.Y.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft 37yrs.
1868
April
1. Wednesday. Went to Hamilton to Lewis Prize Exhibition with Katie and Loraine, called at Mrs. Bancroft's and paid $1.40 for 20 lbs of graham flour. Had Sheffield's carriage.

6 Mon. Wife has taken cold again.

7. Tue. Settled with Dr. Stuart. He lumped the account to the first of April ar $100.00. M.L.Saley commenced working in the store.

8 Wed. Father started for H in the cutter.

9.Thur. Discontinued burning coal in the cook stove again. Weather very cold. Good sleighing. Stages all go on runners, does not thaw in the shade in the middle of the day. Wind North west. Clora lifted on vessel in time. No enema used.

10 Fri. Mother quite sick, children all sick and Loraine is sick.

12 Sun. Funeral for Ed. Woods child.

16 Thur. In store half day. Had Mrs. Humphrey wash.

17 Fri. Received draft for interest,from H. A. Rose, on $600.00 at 8% - $48.00 Children out doors. Have been doing without coal for two days and two nights. The first since commenced keeping fire.

18. Sat. In store ½ day.

19 Sun. Katie and Loraine went to church. Mr. Brogan the new preacher in the pulpit. Introductory serman.

23. Thur. Father and Elvira came last evening. Took Calkin's sulky home. Children rode. Cold with snow squalls. G. Smith fixed cistern. Paid Mr. L. Babcock for feed $10.21. $10.00 from store. Got pig home from Medbay's

24 Fri. Father, mother and Katie left for H. Fine day. Drew manure on garden. Trimmed apple trees. Took Joe Oman's ? sulky home.

25 Sat. In store all day.

26 Got a half pint of skunk oil. Lent 5/20 coupon belonging to Mary Ann due May 1st. $15.00 in F.E. due May 1st. $15.00 to Hall and Balisbeck. Planted potatoes & Onions.

28 Tue. Clora rode out in Campbell's carriage. Wrote E.L.B. Samuel Birdsall, Harper Brothers, receieved from Katie

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft. 37 yrs.
1868
May
3.Sun. Set a hen. Clora rode out today. Had Swift's horse and carriage. Rode around square by Mr. Zelts.

5 Tue. Father came. Out of store most of day., Had to get away for banking.

6 Wed. Clora roade out. Filled straw bed at Barstows and called on Eld. Pierce. White washed.

7 Thur. Father started with Elvira and Loraine. Miss P. Carpenter commenced work. Paid Loraine 16/ a week for 17½ weeks.

10. Sun. Did not go to meeting. Turned cow out.

11 Mon. Had Esq. C's horse and carriage as far as Andrew But's for a ride for wife, making 3 times. Received from E.P. $5.00 Letter from Loraine. Planted corn and potatoes.

12. Tue. Mr L. Away on his planting ground all day.

13 Wed. Wife and children went to Mr. L's visiting. Worked half day in field.

14 Thur. Cleared off front yard. Mr, L. Plamted

15 Fri. Credit J.D.B. int. on note. Wife rode to whit Clark's in Esq. C's gorse and carriage. Mr. L. Planting all day.

16 Sat. Mr. L. planted all day so I could not go to Covenant meeting. Received $100.00 cash.

17 Sun. Attended M. E. Church in am. Baptism in pm Did not stay at Communion.

22 Fri. Went to L.H.Hendricks with whole family. Stuart's horse and McMaster's carriage.

23 Stuart got 7 loads of manure. Sick kead ache all day. Letter tp E. Patrick.

31 Sun. Arrived home from N.Y. last evening. Sick with cold.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Son of Dr. J.E.Bancroft,
1868
June.
5. Fri. Had Ernests tooth extracted, 2/ Had wifes ring mended. Wife rode to store on cart. She now walks, leaning on me.

6 Sat. Self and family went to Hamilton. Took dinner at H. Bancroft's. Ordered bonnet for wife and hat for Willie.

7 Sun. Called Dr. Stuart, My throat was so sore.

8 Mon. Worked in store all day.

9 Worked in store all day. Letter from Sandford. Mr. Hendrick visited us.

10. Wed. Wrote Sanford and N. Wright.

11, Thur. Wife visite at Mr, L. Quilting.

12 Fri. Mr. L. has worked at corn for three days.

13 Sat. Good days trade. Over $100.00 cash and $70=00 charged.

14 Sun. Self and wife went to church for first time since last December.

19 Fri. Frank and Julie came about 10 am. Self and wife rode out with Swift's horse in pm. Picked straw berries by the side of the road.

20 Sat. Had Stuart's horse and McMaster's carriage to Hamilton. Self, wife, L.E. and wife had dinner at Alfred Seymour's and tea at the Crittenden's.

21 Sun. Frank, Loraine and Jennie to H (Harpursville) Self and wife rode out.

22 Mon. L.E.Started after dinner. Rain in am.

24 Wed. Mr. L. Hoeing corn.

26 Fri. Self and wife in Esq. Campbell's horse and carriage started for dinner at Momsville(?)

27 Sat. Rode out to Fayetteville, bought kid gloves for wife. Visited paper mill.

28 Sun. Hear Eld wright twice at Martin's school and once at Eagle village.
29 Mon. Went to Lyceum, 10 miles from Manlins. Cost $11.00 Pleasant trip. Better than paying doctor bills. Wife better.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft (37yrs)
1868
July. 1. Letter from Katie and sister Rose, Warm.

2/ Mr. L. In cornfield.

3. Wed. All hands took tea at Sheffield's

4. Sat. Received cash for 2½ lbs of butter 0.68
Milk sold to Webtworth 0.30

5 Sun. Wife and Loraine went to church in am. In pm self and wife to prayer meeting. Wife walked to river.

6 Mon. 6 days of very hot weather,

7 Tue. Fred cane 11 pm just after we had retired.

9 Wed. Received of F.W, Martin on A. Kark's matter belonging to Edgerton and Bancroft $35.27.

10 Thur. L. Worked a half day. Gat Swift's horse with Fred and women.

11. Fri. Went to Oneida depot to carry Fred, cash expence $10.15 Visited Oneida Community, pleasant rip. L. worked a ½ day.

12. Sat. Did not go to meeting. Felt used up by heat.

13. Mon. L worked ½ day.

14 Tue. L. worked ½ day. Letter from Betsey.

15 Wed. L worked ½ day.

16 Thur. L. worked ½ day in corn. very hot.

18 Sat. Covenamt meeting. Few out. did not attend.

19. Sun. Wife and L attended M.E.meeting. Bapt in eve.

21 Tue. Hen hatched 13 chickens. Wafe Sat up with Nash girl.

22. Wed. Mr. L. went berrying. Funeral of Mr. L, Cook Sr. Went to Hamklton to attend closing excersizes Female Seminary. Loraine and Jennie expense 12/

23 Thur/ Mr. L. went berrying. Slight shower. Potatoes very dry. Concert here.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft,
1868
July
24. Went berrying on Treading hill

25. Sat. Marie White came for sewing. Berthena Nash died last evening.

25. Sun. Attended Miss Nash's funeral.

30 Thur. Father, mother and Katie came.

31. Fri. Ella came this eve.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft. (37 yrs.)

1868
August
2. Sun. Self, wife and Katie heard Dr. Lincoln at H---- in am. Heard Young Prente in pm. Sel , Ella, Kattie and Loraine went upm to hear Hazen. Used Mr. McMaster's wagon.

3. Mon. Went up with father to hear theological examinations. Sick and could not go in evening. Sue, Ella Katy and eife were up in evening. H.C.Leach to tea.

4. Tue. Self, Wife and Katie went up in pm.

5 Wed. Self. Lora, Katie attended commencement. Lora returned and wife came up in eveining.
Rain. Used Mr. McMaster's carriage.

6. Thur. H,& E.Leach called to breakfast. Horse 4 qts feed.

7. Went to Hamilton with Katie and /Ellen.

8. Satr.Merritt gave up sick in evening.

9 Sun. Heard Mr. Ridell in eve. Lectured on Sandwich Island Mission,

10. Mon. Father, Mother, Katie started for home. Have had the mare in pasture four nights and two days.

13 Thur. Attended Peake family Belll Ringers. Costing for Self, wife and Katie 0.85 and Ella 0.35. Miss Gow for tea

14 Fri. Father came last evening. Started back this am. Took Loraine, Ernie, Willie ,Self and wife, Ella and Jennie and started for Norwich at 9 am. Had Stuart's horse and Esquire Bennett's wagon. Arrived at Mr. Blake's at one pm, attended Suncay School Covention pm. and eve. Toll 0.09. Gave wife $5.75, she had in hand $1.62.

15 Sat. Paid for kid gloves 14/, Arrived home at 10½ am. Seeley in store ½ day yesterday abd today.

16 Sun. Heard Elder. H.A.Smith in pm. Took dinner at Sheffields.

17. Took dinner at L's

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft. (37yrs)

1868.
August.
18. Tue, Took dinner at L'2. Churning in am. Letter from wife.

19 Wed. Attended R.R. Celebration at Sherburn. Took tea at A. Benton's, all hands went. Shut the store. Shaws commenced getting 2 quarts of milk a day.

20 Thur. Rain. Dinner at L's. Letter from Albert. Wrote to wife.

21 Fri. Went to Hamilton. Carrie chair. Took dinner at N. Brown's. Letter from Mr. Rose.

22. Sat. Meals at C. L's. Letter from wife.

23 Sun. Shaws three quarts of milk. M. L. one meal.

24 mon. Mr. L. two meals. Letter from Clora. Cash for butter 0.55

29. Sat. A Clayton one pint of milk a day, Have boarded at Leonards all the weed, Merritt worked ¼ day at coal.

30. Sunday. M.E. church in am. Baptist in pm.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroftm (38yrs)

1868
Sept.
2 Wednesday 38th birthday.

11. Fri. Fare to Sherburn 0.25
" " Norwich 1.00
" " Sidney 2.00
" " Harpursville .52
Lodging & Breakfast 1.00

12. Sat. Reached father's at 1 pm. Left home yesterday at 8 pm. Attended Covenant meeting.

13. Sun. Heard Elder A,M.Bennett. F.E. and Julian called.

14 Mon. N. Wrughts debts G.W, Hobbs. expense of Priffle matter 0.50 or 2/ dinner and tea at L.E's. Rode to G. Guy's with Fred. Called at Mr. Yales, settled with F.E. in part.

15. Tue. Went on cars to Afton to attend Sunday School convention. Fare 0.18 Tea at R. Chamberlains.

16. Wed.Put up at E.M.Shay's. Chosen Clerk of Assoc.

17. Thur. Association adjourned at 1 pm/ Rode to H. with Eld. Bennett. Father went to Port Crane, returned in eve.
Received cash minute money pd L.E. Spafford $61.20
--------? 1.50
My due 59.70
5.00
54.70

18. Fri. Received of Mary Ann $10.00
Started at 2 pm with family for Eld. Parker's in Green.

19. Sat. Arrived home once more with wife and children 8 pm. pretty tired. Left Green at 9 am.

21. Mon. Started from home at 11 am. Busy in store till that time. Mr. Leonard being off.

22. Tue. Started from H. with Katie, Mary and load of goods. AlsomMrs. Nlakeslee. Dinner at Oxford 15/, threw of 2/

Wm. Oscar Bandroft, son of J.D.Bancroft (38yrs,)

1868
Sept.
23. Arrived home about 3 pm. Rain. Staid at American hotel Norwich, arrived at 8 pm.

24 Thu. Hired Comstocks horse to take girls to Hamilton.

25 Fri. Very rainey. Turned mare into Stuart's pasture. at 9 pm. Received S,S, Minutes from M. S. Parker.

26 Sat. Merritt away ½ day yesterday and today. Clayton helped several days.

27 Sun. Heard H. S. Prindle at M.E. Church, went with wife. Thomas had Swift's horse and carried the girls up to Hamilton, Mare has been in Stuarts pasture just 2 days.

28 Mon. Started Thomas off at 3 am. I started at 8 am. for Utica. Stopped at American Hotel

29 Tue. Arrived home at 11;00 am. First day of Fair.

30 Wed. Last day of fair a very busy day Trade $436.32?

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft. (38yrs)

1868
October.
1. Thur. H.S.Henricks and whole family staid two nights with home.

4. Sun. Wife went to meeting. Worked at copying minutes.

6 Tue. 4 mica plates for coal stove .20

7 Wed. Wife wen to Society meeting at Esq. Campbell's Worked in garden nearly ½ day. Leonard worked in corn all day.

9 Fri. Had Swift's horse to Hamilton after chairs and busniness for store at the bank. Brought Katie down. L. worked all day.

10.Sat. Mr. L. finnished harvest. Had 100 bu of potatoes.

11.Sun. Heard Eld. Brooks farewell at Hamilton. Had Comstock's Horse and carriage. Wife attended meeting in pm and eve.

12. Mon. Have put 4½ bu of good potatoes in cellar. Let the girls have one bu, up stairs now, 3½ bu. sweet apples up stairs.

13. Tue. Sent to Utica by Doctor S. the manuscripts of minutes. Paid Swift for horse and carriage for 2 trips to Hamilton $2.00. School meeting was elected trustee.

14. Wed. Wrote E.R, Middlebrook, A.G.Birdsall, N. Wright and L. Birdsall.

16 Fri. Self , wife and family took a R.R. Excursion it being Ernest's birthday, went to North Brookville and Waterville . Gilbert and Wife absent. R.R. fair round trip $3.38

18 Sun. All went to meeting at Baptist aHouse Prayer meeting in the eve.

20 Tue. Wrote A.O.dispatch. Wrote Sandford. Mrs. Humphrey washed. Miss White fitted dress.

21. Father and Mary Ann came about noon. Father took her up to Hamilton in pm.

23 Fri. Father had Sheffields horse and wagon to Hamilton after the girls.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft. 38yrs.

1868
October.
24. Sat. Student at 2 pm with Comstock horse and carriage. Bro. Popes at Norwich. Father and Mary Ann started for home at 7½ am.

25 Sun. Returned from Norwick 7½ in eve. Took girls to Hamilton. Kept horse over night. Had one sermon from Bro Pope.

26. Mon. Had stuart's horse and wagonm to draw two loads of pumpkins from L.O.Millers.

27 Tue. Mass meeting at Earlville, served as chairman. A. Seymore and wife took tea.

29 Thur. Letter from Andrew. Paid 13 cents for Ernie's flag. Went to Hamilton to hear Senator Smith Rode with Smith, Mr. Leonard and Babcock

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, (38yrs)

1868
Nov.
3. Tue. Election. Wife visited at Andrew Benton's
5. Wed. Went to Hamilton and visited at H. Bancroft's

7 Sat. Mrs Buel commenced boarding at 4¼ dollars.

8 Sun. Overseer of funeral of Esq Campbell's so, Went to H milton in eveing, with his horse and carriage.

10 Tue. Mr. Leonards little girl born.

12. Nov. Wifes 32nd birth day. I am thankfull to God for His Kindness.

13 Fri. Engaged Miss Louer Steward to act as ------ in village school while needed

14 Sat. Attended Covenant meeting. Busy at school house in am. Employed G.A.B. Stewart and Shaw fixing seats etc.

15, Sun. Attended M. E. and Baptist churches. Wrote Oneida Dispatch and abd Morning Herald concerning concerning minutes.

16. Mon. Helped wife wash in am. Wife did Mrs. Buell's washing.

17 Tue. O. Smith has rented Gus Wentworth the upper room in the store fpr $5.00 a month till spring. Cash paid today $20.00

21 Sat. Covenant meeting.

22 Sun. Heard Eld Brown kn pm. Head ache in eve, wife went

25 Had H.A. Campbell borse and carriage after Katie and Bank.

26 Attended Thanksgiving meeting at M.E. Church.

27. Mrs A. Smith worked for Katie.
28. Mr. Leonard away most of the time for two weeks on account of injured foot, and wifes ill health.
29. Self, Katie went to Hamilton to meeting. Had Comstock's horse and carriage. Heard Elder Howey's excellent discussion of New Birth.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft, (38 yrs)

1868
December
4 Fri. Sent things up to Katie by Mr. Dike and also Bank book.

5 Sat. Mr. Buell le t after supper to go home.

6. Sun. Self, wife and children all went to Hamilton Had H. A. Campbells horse and cutter. Good sleighing. Heard Mr. H. A. Smith speak.

7 Mon. Mr. Buell returned this AM, and helped wife with washing some. Snow quite deep.

29 Tue. Started with wife for Harpursville

30 Wed. Received cash of Albert to balance Eld Reynold's note $7.00, paid him 8/, paid Cyrus 2/, Paid May Witmore 4/, R.R. $4.20, dinner $1.40, Miss Sheffield for milk .20

31 Thur. Send to F. W, Martin between now and 7 January Int. on $1,000.00 - $7.00. Int on 300.00 - $21.00 Int in June & November.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft
1869, Earlville. N.Y.
January.
14. Cure for Consumption from Demo. Tribune Oct. 29, 1869.
"Arsenate of Soda.
Wife ond Jennie went to Elder Brown's Donation,6/

27. Wed. Tax 29.79. Phyletus Yule and wife, Frank

Edgerton and Wife, visited us. Came to dinner and left next morning. Willie sick with congestion of lungs.

February.
5. Fri. Received N.Y. draft of Frank Edgerton, $250.00 returned in 60 days.

15. Mon. Received of F.W, Martin $500.00, sent note for 90 days. Wife took cold and had severe congestion of lungs.

26. Friday. Mary and Thomas came on the morning train. Took the to Hamilton and brought Katie back. Mr. & Mrs. Buell to dinner. Mary has bought the Risely place at Hamilton for $2600.00

27. Sat. Engaged Mt. Stewart to build fires and so fourth at the school house.. Mr. Buell left on am. train.

28. Sun. Sunday school with Katie at Hamilton. Witnessed Mr. Knapps giving hand of Fellowship to over 100 converts.

1 April 1869, Thursday

Mr. Leonard spent the day moving. Sally away. Clayton Spring, (Springer) helped in store.

2 Fri. Had Brown's livery to Hamilton on Business. Staid to evening excersizes at Seminary. Paid on account 16/

3. Sat. D. Clark came to town.

4 Sun. Attended the M. E. Church in the afternoon. Funeraal of Calvin Lawdey's daughter. After which wife and I went to Hamilton to Sunday School Concert. Had Tom Cash's horse and wagon 16/

5. Mon. Staid a half day to move the girls. Brought Catie and Mary home with us.

6. Tue. Clark's convention went to 1½ hours.

7. Wed. Clark to tea. Mary and Thomas came.

8. Thur. Used up the day taking Mary and the children to Hamilton. Put up her bedsteads, stove, etc. Hired Cash's wagon. Cold day/ Letter and draft from Bro. Rose.

9. Fri. Clarks concert free to us. Clark staid over night.

10. Sat. Clark left this morning by stage for Hamilton.

11. Sun, M.E. Sunday school and Elder Brown. Cold. Road settled and dusty. Snow by road side.

12. Mon. Took carpet up in kitchen. Washed. Andrew Birdsall called.

13.Tue. Clear and pleasant. Besutiful spring day.. O.N. Smith barn taken down. Whit. Clark and wife and sister called to sing.

16. Fri. Self and wife went to Hamilton. Attended D. Clark's concert. Put down Katies carpet.

17. Sat. Staid over night at Mary's and came home in the rain.

18. Sun. Baptist in the afternooon, Sunday school and prayer meeting in the evening.

19. Mon. Mother went up with Katie.

20. Tue. Self and wife called on Whit Clarks in evening. Rain.

21. Wed. Self to Tavy's (Fays) funeral.

22. Thur. Sidney passed at 11 am with a load for Mary (May?) Cool. Streams high.

22 April 1869, Thursday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. diary, Earlville. Sidney passed at
11 am. with load for May (Mary). Cool , streams high.

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23. Fri. Fagler went up after Katie.

25 Sun. Sunday School and Elder Brown. In the evening carried Katie to Hamilton. Self and wife staid for evening meeting.

27 Tue. Father and mother went to Hamilton.

28 Wed. Self, wife and Willie went to G. Birdsalls.

29 Thur. Father and mother started for home. Clear Cold. Got out manure on garden.

2. Sun. M.E. and Baptist Church pm and evening.

3. Mon. School commenced. Buit fire at school house.

4 Tue. Snow and mud. Letter to father.

5 Wed. Snowed for four days. Cold, cloudy. Wife washed, went to school house each morning to light fire.

8 Sat. Katie, Miss Whitmore, and Jennie went to Harpursville. Brought Swift's horse back. Katie went after coal father needed.

9 Sun. Heard L..V. Ismond(?) am and pm. Elder B. and Sunday school, Last snow drift gone.

10 Mon. Turned out cow at same time as last year. Sent Katie up on stage.

11.Tue. Planted yellow corn. Fredrick staid with us last might. Wrote father.

12, Wed. Had Babcock's horse and Miss McMaster's carriage to Sherburn to Jan Ambru (Amboy?) show. Carried Mary Babcock.

14 Fri. Katie came down on stage.

15. Sat. Had Miss Smith to help work on her dress.

16. Sun. Paid Mary for coupon $20.19 Had Stewart's horse and Sheffields wagon to Hsmilton with Katie to church and after Miss Whitmores trunk. Ernest with us. Rain.

4 July 1869. Sunday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diarym Earlville. Wife and children to Hamilton. Prayer and Missionary meeting. Had Stewarts horse and Sheffields wagon.

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5. July In eveing went after wife and children. Witnessed fire works,

6. July. Returned early in am. Corn in garden.

8 Thur. Had Reeses mare and Swifts carriage to Hamilton to class day excersizes.

10. Sat. Green peas in the gorden. Miss Whitmore to Norwich.

11. Sunday. Sunday school and Baptist church. Head ache.

12. Miss Whitmore returned.

14 Wed. Picked a mess of strawberries.

15. Thur. Rain. A.T.Rose of A.F. and Zada C. came and went to Adelphia meeting at Hamilton.

29 Thur. H. Martin 's death. Telegram. Bought of Mr. Cash 6 yr old horse, $160.00 Started at 4 pm for Harpursville, arrived about 12 midnight. Toll 9 cents. Horse feed.50

30 Friday. Attended funeral, started for Coventry with mother at 4 pm. Staid over night at Calvin Taggart's. Had a shoe set at Mr. Merwins.

31 Sat. Heard prize speaking in evening. Albert, Betsey and Elder Reynolds came to stay all night. Dinner at Mr. Blake's

1 August, 1869, Sunday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Earlville. Wife went with me to Harpursville to church. Heard Doctor Shailer of Portland Maryland.

2. Mon. Zada went with me to her oration and poem.

3. Wed. Clora (Cora?) went up with me. Was sick, did not enjoy much.

4. Wed. Attended Jubilee all day. Paid for ticket for self nd mother 16/ Zada went up with me.

8. Sun. Katie drove horse to Hamilton.

9. Mon. Mother and Katie started for home.

10 Tue. Went berry picking in am. Mr. Blake and Tagg rt c came about 11:oo am. H. E. and H. F. Rose came

11. Wed. Had green corn. Mr. Blake returned after business.

12. Thur. Zada's babe died last night. Went out to Utica with them. Went to A.H. and got coffin. Brought Mary down.

13. Fri. Setttled with Mary Ann for Katies board in full. Trade $5.75. Katies was 2/ Mary returned in stage.

30 Aug. Self, Wife and Willie went to Utica by R.R. Paid Willie $3.00, dinner #1.00, R.R. fare $6.20

31. Tue. Stuarts horse and Sheffield's carriage, arrived in Norwich 1;oo pm. Put out horse at T.H,Prentisses.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, 37, Earlville, s. of Dr. John D. Bancroft

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3 Tue."Election. Wife visited at Andtew Bentons*."

5 Thur."Went to H. visited H. Bancroft.s" (Hamitlon)

7 Mr. Buell commenced board @ 4.50 a week."

8 Sun."Overseer of funeral of Esq. Campbell's son. Went to H. in evening with his horse and carriage (Hamitlon). Kept his horse wince Monday noon, for use for keeping."

10 Tue."Mr Leonard's little girl born."

12 Thur."Wifes 32 birthday. How thankful I should be to the Lord for his kindness and mercy to me."

13 Fri.A"Engaged Miss Louise Stewart to act as assistant in village school for $5.00 a week while needed."

14 Sat."Attended covenant meeting. Busy at school house in am Employed G. A. B. Stewart and Shaw to fix seats."

15 Sun."Attended M.E. and Baptist churchs. Wrote to Oneida dispatch and morning herald concerning my minutes."

16 Mon."Helped wife wash in am. Wife did Mr. Buels washing."

17 Tue."O. Smith has rented George Went wotth the upper rooms in the store for $6. a month till spring. Cash paid today $20.

18 Wed."

21 Sat. attended covenant meeting."

22 Sun."Heard Eld Brown in the am. Head ache in eve."

23 Mon."Wife washed for Buel. Buell away from S^t. am to Mon noon."

25 Wed."Had H. A. Campbells*horse and carriage to Hamilton after Katie. and to bank. No charge."

26 thur,"Attended Thanksgiving M.E. church, Eld Brown preached."

27 Fri."Mrs. A. Smith worked for Katie."

28 Sat."Mrs. Leonard away on account of injured foot and wifes health most of the time for 2 weeks past."

29 ?Sun."Self and Katie went to Hamilton to meeting. Had Comstock's horse and carriage, very bad going. Heard Eld, Harvey on "New Birth".

30 Mon."Mrs. Humphrey washed. Snow."

25 Fri."Rain. Turned mare in Stuart Pasture Received S.S. Minutes from M. S. Parker*."

26 Sat."Merritt away ½ day yesterday. Clayton helped us today and the last Fair day."

27 Sun."Heard H. S. Prindle * at the M. E. church, went with wife." Tbomas had,Swifts'horse and carried the girls to Ham ilton." Mare has been in Stuart's pasture just 2 days.

28 Mon."Started Thomas off at 3 am. I started at 8 am for Utica, Stopped at American Hotel."

29 Tue."Arrived home at 11 am. One day at Fair."

30 Wed."Last day of fair. A very busy day, Trade $436.37.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, 37, Earlville, S. of Dr. John D. Bancroft.

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11 Fri."Mrs. Steven's credit by coupon $20.85
Fare to Cherburn* .25
" Norwich 1.00
" Sidney 2.00
" Harpursville.52
Lodging and Breakfast 1.00

12 Sat."Reached father's at 10 pm. Left horse yesterday at 8 pm. Attended covenant meeting."

13 Sun."Heard Eld A,M.Bennett*, preach, communion. Frank Edgerton and Julia called."

14 Mon."N. Wright dr. to paid G. W. Hobbs* expense on Puffer m matter. 50¢ . Dinner and tea at Frank Edgerton's. Rode to G. (J) Guy's with Fred. Called at Yales. Settled with Frank Edgerton in part."

15 Tue."Went on cars to Afton to attend S.S. convention. Fare 18¢ Tea at R. Chamberl ain."

16 Wed."Put up at E.M. Slay's. Chosen Clerk of Association."

17 Thur."Association adjourned at 1 pm. Rode to Harpursville with Eld Bennett. Father went to Port Crane, returned in eve. Recieved cash minute money
Paid L.E. Spafford 61.20
Coz. Sect. 1.50 59.70
my due 5.00 54.70

18 Fri."Recieved of Mary Ann $10.00
Started at 2 pm in train for Eld Parker's in train."

19 Sat."Arrived home once more with wife and children at 8 pm. Tired, slept till 9 am."

20 Sun."Rain. Did not attend meeting, too tired."

21 Mon."Started for home 11 am Busy in store till that time. Mr. Leonard being off after hired girl."

22 Tue."Started for Harpursville about 9 am. with Katie, Mary and Miss Blakeslee and load of goods. Dinner at Oxford. Bill 18/= threw off 2/"

23 Wed."Arrived home about 3 pm. Rain. Staid at American Hote Norwich, arrived 8 pm."

24 Thur."Hired Comstock horse to take girls to Hamilton."

6 december 1869, Monday,
William Oscar Bancroft, diary, Earlville. Hattie Taylor came to work for 14/

10 Fri."Attended Adelphian Society public. Paid Hattie Taylor Kattie came home.
11 Sat."Paid Hattie Taylor $1.33
24 Fri. Self, Katie and Loraine went to Harpursville."

1870 February. Wm. Oscar Bancroft
12 Sat."Republican Causus at Sherbourne received nomination for Justice of the Peace to fill vacancy cause by the res= ignation of Esq. Bennett.
15 Tue."Tpwn meeting assessment $1.50
17 Thur."Went to Norwich to take oath of office
R.R. $1.00
Oath .25

Notary Fees.

Warrants & Affidavits	.15
Filings	.05
Bail	.05
Acknowledgements	.25
and	.12½
Committal	.25
Trial	1.00
Certificate	.35

May 3, 1870 Gave order for School House fence.
C.S.Psge fence posts $6.25
Humphrey rails 8.14

1870 February W.O.Bancroft.

12 Sat." Republican Caucus at Sherbourne, nominztion for Justice to fill vazcancy caused by resignation by Esq. Bennett.
15 Tue. Tpwn meeting. assessment $1.50
17 Thur. Went to Norwich to take the oath
R.R. $1.00
Oath .25

Justice of the Peace entries for the year 1870
March 7 Pension oath to Almeda Smith .30
March 21 Summons to G.S. Smith
March 24 Summons delivered to G.S. mith for W.L.Babcock.
March 25 One summons to L. Chapman
March 30 To 2 summons returnable at 1:30 pm.
April 2 W,L.Babcock summons teturned.
W.L.Babcock settled on own.
April 7 William L. Babcock Summons formO. K. Calkins
April 16 O.K.Calkins one summons returned.
Costs 80¢
Damages 9.20
Paid cash in full
April 19 Issued warrant for T.S.Clark
Comlaint of Brooks and King for Milliken
April 20 A.R.Brown summons returned.
John N. Holmes for Brown. Paid in full c costs.
April 25 Took acknowledgement of deed for hompson Cask and wife.
June 9 Gade A Morgan summons for John Crouch.
June 11 Summons returned fee 2/
June 18 A. Morgan summons returnable 10am
June 20 Isreal Lummin summons to A.D. Gorham
June 22 Morgan and crouch adjudged non suit
Crouch paid 1.90 .75 still due Morgan."
July 15. Adjudication of suit Gorham and Reese 10 am.
July 29 D.S.Stafford to Sodomy, watrant 2/
Aug 10 Issue summons G.N.Holmes for A. R. Borwn
Aug 20 Holmes and Brown summons teturned.
Sept 28 Gorham and Reese suit adjudicated.

A totzl of 27 legal actions netted Wm. Oscar Bancroft in fees for the year $26.43

Wm Oscar Bancroft, diary, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.
23 Miss Whitman commenced board at $3.00 a week.
25 School commenced."

Wm. Oscar Bancroft

1870
April
30. Sat. The Sjeriff shut up my store.

Received of S.W.Marvin cash	$200.00
Paid M.L.Saley, clerk hire	125.00
Paid for wife, C.W.Sprague note	150.00

May

22. Received of Neil Felt Account	22.00
" J.F.Sheffield	.10
Paid W. Sheffield note	25.00
" L.E.L. note	25.00
" S.C.Southworth	12.00
" G.W. Sheffield	50.00
Balance of cash on hand belonging to wife	76.76
17. Loaned to E.L.Bancroft	25.00

1870 June.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. John D. Bancroft.
4Sat."Paid Griffin and King for Alpaca for wife $2.70
7 Tue."Went to Momitville to Association and fair.
Excursion $2.60
9 Thu."Excurion to Oneida Lake, fare to Momitville to
R.R. 4/
24 Fri."Had O.N.Smith's horse and carriage to Hamilton
Lora's trunk, Miss Whitmore the teacher to tea chers Assoc.
at Union School hourse. Katie returned with us.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Earlville,N.Y.
Justice of the Peace, Spt. of Schools, Town Clerk of Colesville.
Harpursville, N,Y,
1870
July.

2. Sat. Sherburn self and family left at 1:30 pm arrived at 5 pm.

3. Sun. Went to church

4. Mon. Gaylin R. Moderator

5 Tue. Left for Harpursville. Trunk lost Check 781

6. Wed. Paid Frank Edgerton and James Condon's note for $50.00. Wife visited Frank Edgerton's. Elmer Wright's horse to Nineveh. Received draft from Leonard, cash returned $25,00

7 Thur. Commenced haying. Wife visited at Sidney's. Fred came over, Elder Wright horse to depot, carried Fred and got trunk. Wife staid at Sidney's

8 Fri. Wife, Jennie and Willie started on morning train for home. Drawed in hay with Elder Wright's mare.

9 Sat. Drawed hay with Fraziers mare. Father and mother and Ernest went up to Otego on 3 pm train, to attend Aunt Hatties funeral. I went up in eve and staid at Shepherds.

10. Sun. Funeral at Butternuts, staid at Thad's. R.R. for father and mother $1.90

11. Mon. Returned on noon train. Elder's mare drawed in hay. Leonard came with Willie in eve,

12. Tue. S. Birdsall and wife came at 7;30 by train. Finished hayibg. Paid Lyman for self and Fred, 5 days work $15.00 Paid Sidney's machine work $1.00

13. Wed. Took Samuel Birdsall to Noon train. Got Barrend;s note of H.Martin Jr. for F.S. Grist to mill for father. Gathered scatterings. Paid 40 cents for whip.

14. Thur. Self father and Ernie started for home. Ad-adjusted Gorham's and Reese's suit for $10.00 Went to Hamilton for Katie

16. Sat. Covenant meeting. Paid Katie for expenses $5.00 Clora additional $3.00

William Oscar Bancroft, Earlville , N.Y.
Commissioner of Education, Justice of the Peace.
1870 July Town Clerk
17. Sun. Took Katie to Hamilton in eve. Elder O.H.(?)
Sunday school and communion.

20. Wed. Graduation.

25. Mon. Mary and Lorie came down on noon train.

26. Tue. Carried girl to Sherburn to see cotton factory.

28. Thur. Went with Fre, girls and wife to Oneida Co., (Community)

29. Friday. D.S. Stafford to endorsing over warrant 2/
Deac. E. Bennet charged 8/ Attended Grammer school commencement

30 Sat. Attended prize declamations in eve.

31. Sun. Dr. Harvy carried bro. Owen and wife to Hamilton
Dr. Kenebuck preached in eve.

1870 August.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, Justice of the Peace. son of Dr, John D.
1 Mon."Wife and I staid at Mary's all night.
2 Tuesday = Theological 383
3 Wed. commencement.
4 Thur."Started for Clinton with father. Dinner at Gilberts. Tea and Lodging at Eliza's
5 Fri."Arrived at Bert's 10 am. Called on G. S. Stearns.
6 Sat."Returned from clinton. Answered to a suit before Esq. Campbell for D.L.Atkins.
7 Sun."Elder Harvey and communion."
8 Mon."Father and Mother started for home. Returned $5. borrowed to go to Community. Cora, Lora, Mary came down after dinner."
9 Tue."Girls left on 1 pm train."
13 at."To Norwich".
16 Tue."Went to Oneida to S.S. Institute.
17 Wed."Returmed from Oneida, Katie with me."
18 hur. Went to Norwich.

1870 September.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Justice of the Peace. Son of Dr.J.D.B.

5Mon.' horse has been in Charles white's pasture seven nights and two days. Have picked hops for two weeks for Z.L.Hay.

6Tue."Katie and self started for New Berlin with horse and wagon, Staid at H. Sage.

8 Thur,"Returned from Association by R.R. form Norwich."

11 Sun,"Skinner preached."

14 Wed." Road tax 3½ days. Worked 3 days. Had G.A.B.Stuarts horse and wagon one day."

1870 October.

William Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
18 Tue."Reached father's at 2 pm. Sent certificate of b to Miss C.A.Whitman this day. # 12292, Oct. 13, 1870. Amount of Cert $80. with 16. pr by wife makes $96. 16 weeks at $6.00
22 Sat."Sent letter to L. W.Green T.W.Klaeyes with check.
31 Mon."Garner property price $2500. $1,000. down and balance in 6. 12 and 18 months. House 4 rooms with closet also three in basement. Rent of church across the road. $3.00 per month during school."

1870 November.

386 Wm. Oscar Bancroft son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.

9 Wed."Went to Hamilton, drew from bank $67.24.
19 Sat. Drew wrktings for sale of place to Mrs. B. Southworth.
Paid for stamp etc. $2.30. Received cash on place $25.00
23 Wed. Lent Mary Ann by mail $25.00
24 Thur."Thanksgiving dinner at Mary's."

NOVEMBER EARLVILLE

1 WENT TO EATON

2 WENT TO GILFORD

3 BAINBRIDGR & AFTON
4 HARPURSVILLE TO CHURCH

5 SIDNEY PLAINS

6 PAIDPAID G.W.SHEEFFIELD TO BE ENDORSED ON J.D.BANCROFT NOTE $100.
WITH INTEREST FROM MARCH 21,1870 $50.

DECEMBER

JUSTICE OFPEACE INCOME3

MARCH 7	ALMEDA SMITH	30¢
" 28	CONYERS DISCHARGR	50¢
	R.E.CRUM	25¢
APRIL 2	CAMBELL DEED	6¢
	BAILEY ASMMONS	25¢
	G CAMCROSS DEED	$1.50
	J.L.SMITH	25¢
SHEFLIED CERTIFICATE		2.00
	CALKINS	55¢
	F.S.CLARK	75¢
	A.R.BERWIN	55¢
MAY 2	COOK, ACKNOWLEDGDG	50¢
	CAMBELL SUMMONS	25¢
JUNEW 1	ACKNOWLEDGE MENT	25¢
11	TRIAL ETC	$1.40
23	MORGAN & CROW	1.90
JULY 1	C.L.COTTONOUT	10¢
	N.BROWN WARRANT	25¢
AUG. 8	CLARK WARANT	25¢
SEPT 5	ALMEDA SMIYH	25¢

Oct.	4	L.Hayward	25¢
Nov	26	Thomas & Pudney	$2.40
dec.	1	Deeds etc	2.17
	6	Deeds, C. Miles	75¢
DeC	12	Akmeda Smith	50¢
	28	Town order	$7.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of J.D.Bancroft, living in Harpursville, N.Y.
1872.
Jan.
1. Received cash from mother ----- Charles Harr on land contract, $20.00; paid taxes, $13.73. Paid for Examiner and Chronicle, L.B. Hammond $2.00
2. Oaid F.E. for bread .10
3.
6 Sat. Finished threshing and cleaning oats. Montgomery helped.
7 Sun. Eld Gates preached am and Pm
8 Mon. Put 24 bu of oats in bin. 2 bu. left in bin. "Wilbur Phillips credit for ½ cord of wood. Carried Katie to morning train to Clyde via Sidney.
9 Tue. R.R, to Binghamton 64 ¢ents. To Miller Ayer $2.65 Left with Griff Allen? for Jeff Brown $15.00
10 Wed. R.R. to Pittstown .30. Hair Res .60
Received of Smith $27. Parsons credit by one days work $1.00
11 Thur. Paid for slips $1.25, Paper .20, Ink stand ,25
12 Fri. Paid for board for 3 days, Mr. Brown's at Pittstown $2.25
13. Sat. Stamps .60 R.R. to W.R. .30
14 Sun. Baptist church
15 Mon. To Wyoming and back $1.12
16 Jan. Expense account .54 Stamps .15
17 Wed, " " .79 Received of S.B. & L. $4.00
20 Sat. Five meals. Paid Parsons B.$7.00 Barber .10
R.R. to Shicksley .64
25 Jan. Thur. Yapli's Hotel for 3 days $4.50. R.R. .92
Received of S.B. & Co. cash $11.00
26 Fri. Paid Ole Bulicant for note for Gus G. Abright.
27. Sat. Barber .10. Paper collars .30 Due Parsons at home $5.00
28 Sun. Y.M.C.A in eve at Music Hall. Over 1500 present.
31 Wed. Barber .10, paper .10. Received of Rece ved of S.B. & Co $15.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D. Bancroft .
1872
February,
1. Paid Parsons board todate $9.00 R.R. to Back Haven? .72
2. Friday. Sent letter home.
3. Sat. Board at Fisher's $2.25. RR to K. .33 wash.34 RR .75
7. Wed. Borrowed of A.B. Smith $15.00, returned F.W. Martin cash. Bond of Nov. 4th paid with interest $15.20 Recd. of S.R.J.L. $8. Expense to B. Haven $1.00
9. Fri. Expense RR .90
10. Board at Fishers $3.00 RR. .93
11. Sun. Paid Elder Smith $1.00
12. Anna Dickson's lecture .75, RR. .43
14. Thur. Barber .10 Recd. of S.B. & L. darft for $8.00
15. Paid Parson's board $10.00
16. Friday Ins. ticket .25. RR. to Carbondale L.20 to Binghamton 1.80, to Harpursville .69
17. Sat.Paid H. Tyrrell for 1 ton of coal $7.25
18 Sun. Sick at home.
19. Mon. Paid Sorberger on church debt $3.00
23 Fri. Paid for ½ ton of coal $3.10, paid for grinding .38 RR to Binghamton .69, RR to Wms. Port? .65
24 Sat. Dinner .20 Commenced boarding at Underhills.
25 Sun. Baptiest church.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville.
1872
March
2 Sat. Bought 1 book $6.00
8 Fri. Father died at 6;20 AM. Wrote Albert Birdsall and Francis Shepherd and Uncle William and Nellie Hughston.
9 Sat. Augustus,aHd Millie, Albert and Helen, May andd Hattie came in eve. Received from S, B. snd and L $13.
10 Funeral at 12 nooon at home, Serman at 1;00 pm in church.
11 Mon. Letter to Katie all left but Hattie
12. Tue. Paid 1.06 for calico dress for mother at Nevin's
14. Paid Givens for wood sawing .20
15. Thur. Carried Hattie to depot in severe snow storm,wind.
16. Self, wife and mother visited at Rev. Webster's.
17 Sun all went to meeting and S.S.
18. Paid George Barnes $5.00 for digging grave.
Paid S, Beans and Elder Grist,,15and.35 respectively for feed had of them
22. RR to Sidney $1.02
23 Sat. RR to Norwich .75, to Hamilton? .66. Received of Pope for clothes line $2.87 Paid for mending watch xhain and ring .30
26 RR to Earlville .21, Harper's weekly .10, Dr. Harveys donation $2.00
27 Wed. In PM to Andrew Bartow's
28 Thus. Received of town of Sherburn $6.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr, J.D, Bancroft, Harpursville
1872
April
Received of Cerethroth? interest for Clora $105.00
2 Tue. RR. to A. .15
Paid Prof. Goodenough $10.00 for Katie
3 Wed. RR to Sidney I.41 RR to H. 102. Dinner at Stuarts, Earlville, Supper at Robert's Sidney. Left with Mary Ann for Passen?
6 Sat. Katie and Hobart came on the morning ttain. Funeral Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Kay and Charlotte to tea. Carried to depot. Elder Bennet preached 2/
7.Mon Paid L Eldred for load of hay $10.00. One shoe set. Affid vit for proof---- .10 Paid for Clora's draft 25.20
11 Thurs. Paid A.A. Frasier on coffin $10.00. Received from A.A.Frasier on milk account due mother 1.10
12 Fri. Paid f r three fourths cord of wood of od Wilbur Phillips $26.25
13 Sat. Covenant meeting. Gus Pierce came on evening train stayed till Friday the 19th.
14 Sun. Bro. Hammond preached am. S.S. and eve.
15 Monday. Visited at Irenes (Frances Irene Tyr ell)
17 Wed. Self, wife, Katy and Gus at M. O. Marsh's, Drove Dr. Guy's team.
19 Pa d for coat and vest made by S.S.Webster $7.75, receid on account 2.30
20. Sat. 20 lbs shoulder $2.00. Uncle Henry took horse home.
21 Sun. Cyrus H. Merrill from Hamilton preached. & S.S.
22. Mon. Received from Southworth on Mortgage $250.00 Paid for buckwheat flour.92 Received from Clora bible money and lent Katy $7.00
27 Sat. Katie started for Clyde. Lent Katy $5.00
28 Sun. Hobart preached.
29 Mon. George brought team down.
30 Tues. Plowed Montgomery's garden, finished plowing for oats and corn. Uncle Henry took team home.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.Y.Bancroft, Harpursville
1872
May.
3 Fri. Sewed about 7 bu of oats, 1½ acres.
4 Sat. Grist mill.23 Paid Uncle Henry $6.00 for hay.
5 Sun. Hobart preached,
6 Mon. Paid L. Eldred L.25 for days work loading manure.
7 Tues. Sewed grass Seed and marked planting ground, ½ ton of plaster $3.63
8 Wed. Planted corn and potatoes.
10. Fri. Drew manure from calf yard. Took team to Nineveh. Paid Uncle Henry 4.50 for 600 pounds of hay.
11. Sat. Covenant meeting. five received by church.
12. Sun. No minister. S.S. Read a Spurgeon Sermon
17 /fri. Took yellow heifer to Uncle Henry's to pasture at 1/ a week. Brought horse home. Mother and I visited at Bro Websters, with Esq. Smith and wife of Otego.
18 Sat. Self and wife called at Sighey's in eve.
19 Sun. Townsant of Hamilton preached, Stopped at Sidney's prayer meeting then.
20 Mon. Sewed ashes and plaster onnthe oatsand meadow. Drew tan bark from Center Village for school heat.
21 Tue. Received from Katy draft for $10.00, of which $5.00 is fir money borrowed and three for milling bill and rest due LaC---- for feed.
22 Wed. Returned A.B.Smith cash $15. Robert Harpur fueral/
24 Fri. Paid George Birdsall's wife for mother $3/00 for Katy; Mother went to Nineveh.
26 Sun. Hobart preached, S.S, and prayer meeting.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville
Jan
2. Sun. Hobart (Alvah S. Hobart, later to marry Katy, Oscar's sister.) preached at Center village.
3. Mon. Got home from Uncle Henry's (Probably John Birdsall of Otego,N.Y) his son, Henry Pierce Birdsall.
4 Tue. Plowed corn one way. Corn was planted like a checker board so it could be plowed both was. (cultivated)
5 Wed. Set hen in dog kennel this am, on 24 eggs, 5 brahma and 7 mixed and the rest reds.
6 Thur. Spent ten cents mending Ernies boots. Received .30 from Morris Semoter for seed corn. Hoed corn half a day.
8 Sat. Covenant meeting, handed in church letters. Paid for feed $4.37
9 Sun. Four baptized by Elder Homan. Sent horse to Uncle Henry.
10 Mon. Sold box of cartridges to Uncle,.50 Ma paid Chas Stevens 2/ for law filing. Clora has received of Janette Case $2.67 for work for bonnett and Lydia for cutting.62
11 Tue. Fare to Binghamton and return 1.38
13 Thur. Mother started for Sidney for R.R. meeting.
14 Friday. Amelia Martins funeral (Dau. of Harry Martin wife of Dibble)
16 Sun. Hobart preached at Harpursville (Alvah S. Hobart)
21 Fri. Paid Mrs. Hecox 2.25 for buck wheat.
22 Sat. Paid for seed buckwheat and feed $2,70
23 Sun. Eld Howe commenced preaching at $8.00 per sabbath. 2 pm.
26 Wed. Hen came off with ten chicks, Took team and wagon to Uncle Henry's
27 Thur. ZPa d Thomson for oiling hafness 12/ (12 shillings) Paid F.E. $12.00
29 Sat. Cora Martin to dinner

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville.
1872
July
7. Paid S.S. Webster for church expense $6.00. Pledged $6.00 more.
12 Fri. Received cash from Mrs. Marsh for drawing in hay .50
13.Sat Mr. L,Humaston paid $1.00 for bitts.
14.Sun. Katy and Miss Cottrell (sister of Katy's first love, who died of tuberculosis) came on evening train.
20 Sat. Finishing haying. Did all the mowing myself.
21 Sunday. Gave Bainbridg church one dollar. Bainbridge minister preached.
23 Tue. Dentist .50
25 Thur. Self and wife started to Binghamton after dinner.
28 Sun. Elder Wright in AM train, evening metting at M.E. church.
31 Wed. Paid for Jennie's shoes bought at A.A.Lord, $2.50

Aug.
Thur. 1, To Belden after berries and mineral water. Katy and Meam (intimate nickname for Miss Cottrell) to Center village.
2 Fri. Clora at Sidney's (probably Sidney Sornberger, her brother in law.)
10 Sat. Frank and Sue Shepherd called.
11 Sun. Four baptized.
14 Wed. Funeral of Mrs R/ Lovjoy.
15. W.H.Scott burried at M. Dinner at George Birdsallls.
16 Fri. Widow of Col. Mason Buried. Rev. and Mrs. Sawtelle called. Cash of F.E. $15.
17 Sat. Mother, Katy and Meam left for Hamilton
21 Wed. Paid Mr. Montgomery for binding oats $1.00
23 Fri. Had one bu. buckwheat ground.
24 Sat. Paid for 1½ bu of oats and grinding 1.17
27 Tue. Went to Association with Elder Howe, R.R. at Bainbridge staid at T.Y. Robertson.
28. Wed. Staid at H. B. DRaton
29. Thur. Returned on evening train from Afton.
30. S.B. & L credit by cash $150.00 for deposit with F.E.
31. Sat. Finished Road tax $4.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville
September 1872
1. Sun.
2 Mon. Cut buckwheat.
3 Tue. J.W. Lyon hear to tea. Finnished Buckwheat.
4 Wed/ Finished cutting corn, some frost.
5 Thur. Paid for crate of peaches $2.75. Wrote Katie
7 Fri. Went to Nineveh. Flou W.W, $10.00 Madam Fay's corset No. 23.
10 Tue. Wife to Sidneys. Racked Buckwheat. School tax 1.23
12 Thur. Attended political meeting at Binghamton Yesterday, Speech at Lyman Freeman. Fixed fence west over to A. Rosebrooks.
15 Sun. Merriman preached.
18 Wed. Janette returned this evening.
19 Thur. Called on Mary Lockwood at C,R. Taggart's. Wife left Sidney's this AM
20 Fri. Helped Bro. Hemarts get in Rowen (wild hay)
22 Sun. P M and evening Elder H.
23 Mon. paid .20 for well curb broke by cow at Richards.
24 Tue. About peck of crab apples from Marsh.
26 Thur. Paid Rosebuch for threshing 23 bu of oats and 9 bu of wheat $1.50
27 Fri/ Paid S.C,Brown for shoeing horse .15
28 Sat. Drew straw from S, Hakes
30 Mon. Lent draft of $150. to A. Martin till spring.

October
5. Lewis Humaston to have hore to Ozie Marsh, .50
6. Sun. Heard Rev. Mr. Seymour at Nineveh this am.
7 Mon. Received of S.C.Brown $1. for horse to Dibbles Finished husking corn..
8 Tue. School meeting. Appointed Dist. Clerk.
10 Thur. Bought carpet yarn, picture and umbrella
11 Fri. 50 cents from Mrs. Tubbs for Examiner subscription
15 Tue. Wrote to Binghamton Times.
17 Thur. Visited at R.F.Peck's/
19 Sat. Paid Uncle Henry for 19 weeks pasture for heifer $2.62
21 Mon. Hopkins and Weggott at Center village, good meeting.
23 Wed. Saw Sen. Wilson and $2,000 worth of fire works.
24 Thur. Fare to Albany $3.00, Staid at Alberts. Jennie's books .57 Steam boat.
25 Fri. Borrowed of Albert $1.00 (repaid) fare to N,Y, 3.20 Staid at Mr. Crane's.
27 Sun. Dinner and staid at Newlands.
28 Mon. Bought 4 bbls of lime .88

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, Harpursville

November 1872

2 Sat. Returned A. Martin draft of L.E. $10.00
6 Wed. Left home at 10 pm arrived Williamsport 9 am.
8 Fri, sat up with John A. Vosbury.
10 Sun. S.E.Clapp at M.E. eveninging.
12 Tue. Left Williamsport for Jersey shore at 8 am.
14 Rode 14 miles with L and delivered 17 atlasses Received of Lyon on old account $80. and on another from him of $35.00
15 Fri. Sent N.Y. draft from Luck Luckhaven First Nat. Bank for $50. less exchange to Albert Martin. RR to Elmira
17 Sun. M.E. & Pres. church at Tioga.
18 Mon. R.R, to Mansfield.
26 Tue. Received of Lynn wages $28.00 Arrived home 7;30 p,m.
29mFri, Fredrick Martin & wife (nee Eliza Tyrrell), and Agnes their daughter; Sidney Sornberger and wife (nee Elvira Martin) and daughter Jannette; Irene (Martin) Tyrrell, Delia and baby; Henry Arnold Rose and wife (nee Zada Martin and four childten for thanksgiving dinner at our house yesterday.
30 Sat. Self and wife accompanied H.A.Rose and family, and Elvira to Hamilton?

December

1. Sunday, Visited at Elder Popes and at 7;30 pm heard Prof. Wiston.
2. Mon. Paid Zada @2.22 and received of Zada $1.91
3. Tue. Paid for Clora Rr to Sidney 1.41
Paid for butter knives at Lippetts one for Mary Ann ahd one for Katy 2.40; Lent Mary Ann $25.00 on demand. Paid for Jennies paper and envelopes,
4. Wed. Paid Chapman for Cora skirt and corset $4.00
RR to Green.66; to Coventry .50
5. Thur. Staid at Merritt Parkers.
6 Fri. staid at Wakely Jones and Eld. Howes.
7 Sat. Arrived home at noon. Covenant meeting.
8 Sun. Went to Nineveh with Elder Howe
11. Wed. Went to norwich to trade. Funeral of Mrs. Scott and Carnegie
12 Thur. Visited A,R, Chamberlain
13 Fri. Drew out Manure in am. Fred had horse and sleigh in Pm.
14 Sat. R.T.Peck and wife, F.E. and wife and Mrs. Taggart and Mrs. Yale to tea. Zada abd Childreb came from Sidney.
15. Paid F.S.Chadder for Examiner nd Chronicle $2.00
16. Mon. S.B. Montgomery debtor to trip to I Hurlburt and Ninevey with County notices, one day $2.00 and care of horse one dollar.
27 Fri. F.E. had horse for one day to draw wood.
31 Tue. Received from Davis and Martin for fat cow $15.00

Total receipte for 1872 - 1032.07
Total Expenditures for 1872 -915.17
116.90

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft, harpursville
1873 January
1. Received on land contracts
Cash . .$15.00
O.G.(S) Bristol 22.00
Oliver Yager 20.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville, Broome Co.,N.Y.
1874 (43 yrs.)
January

1. Thur. Received of Albert Martin $208.00 to this date, $1425 interest plus postage. Albert credit for one one cord of woood.

2. Fri. Paid taxes $10.71. Received as inspector of elections $3.00. Received of Charles Hare interest money on mothers land contract $3.00

3. Sat. Paid W.E. (M.E.?) Martin for Examiner and Chronicle $2.00

6. Tue. Prayer meeting at Mr. Bedients, Singing school at School..

8 Thur. Moses Dimomier's at Perch Pond Hill

9 Fri. Postage on examiner, Oneida Dispatch and Hamilton papers one year $,50. And on daily, Jan. till April 30 cents.

10. Sat. Covenant meeting. Have been to meeting every day this week., afternoon and eve. Received from Davis 8/ for calf skin.

11. Sun. Paid coupon 30 cents.

12. Mon. Paid Wicks Waters meat account $4.20

14. Wed. 3 lbs of sausage 42 cents. Don Le Courier for buckwheat flour, 50lbs - 13/

16. Friday. Visited at Deac. Grover's with mother, Clora and Hattie.. Mr. Hobart came.

18. Jan. Sun. Coupon 30 cents.

19. Mon, Paid Charkes Hare for fixing tub, 10 cents.

20 Tue. 15th anniversary of our marriage. Friends called and left presents to the amount of $15.00 A chandelier $9.00 Something for Clora. Marriage certificate found. Gloves, tie set, syrup cup.

22. Thur. Katie left for Hamilton

23. Fri. Bowl of mother's came, $10.00

24. Sat. Started for Otego at 11 am.

25. Sun. Staid all night at R. Wetmore.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville, Broome Co., N.Y.
1874 (43 yrs.)
January
26. Mon. Staid over night at R. Hughston's

27. Tue. Staid over night at William Birdsall's.
Visited at Oscar Birdsalll's

28. Wed. Staid over night at William Shepherd's

29. Thur. Staid over night at Augustus's

30 Fri. Staid at H. Newlands,

31. Sat. Arrived home from Otego at 8.30 pm. Made trip with wagon.

1 February 1874, Sunday.
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville. Coupon 60¢.
Miss Clark went to G. W. Birdsalls over night.

2. Mon. L. Edgerton had horse sharpened. for the third time, Sent papers with marriage cards to Rose, S.S. Martin and E. Patrick.

3. Tue. Visited school

4. Wed. Went to Windsor to get Smith note renewed. Mother and Clora visited Bro Adams

5 Thur. Mother, Ernest and I drove to Aunt Susan's and staid over night.

6. Fri. Ernest and I drove to Holmesville after a cutter a distance of 45 miles. Toll 10 cents.

7. Sat. Teacher's Association.

8. Sun. Coupon 30 cents. Albert Martin preached. Temperance sermon in eve,

9 Mon. L. Eldred horse and cutter to Binghamton. Attended funeral of M.O.Marsh. Out till midnight.

10. Tue. Town meeting. D.M. ticket elected. Mrs. Brizzee died. Telagram fro Rev. H. A. Smith.

11. Wed. Started at 8:30 am for Hamilton. Reached Mary Ann's at 5 pm. Lunch and telegram.

12. Thur. Attended meeting of Missionary Union at Baptist Church. Oyster supper in basement.

13. Fri. Left Hamilton at 9;15 am. Dinner at Dr. Stewart's Oyster upper at Chester Rockwells. Over night at H. Bancroft's at Holmesville.

14. Sat. Attended meeting at New Berlin. Home at 9 pm. R.R. to and from Sidney., $1.00

15. Sun. Coupon 30cents.

16. Mon. Helped about washing and churning. Wrote to Dispatch and Rep.

17. Tue. In am had carriage to Hurlburt's. Sent note to A.E, for signature.

20 Fri. Had bu of corn ground at Center village 10cents.

21 February, 1877. Saturday.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary. Harpursville. Sent 3/ to H.E. Pratt by mail. Received for use of horse from C. Humiston 2/ Tended post office a half a day.

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22. Sun. Coupon 30 cents.

23. Mon. Singing school.

24. Tue. R.R. to Binghamton $1.48 Balance of subscription to Pratt for St. Nicholas 80 cents. Alvah S. Hobart came.

25. Wed. Semi Annual Meeting.. Contributed 10 cents.

26. Thur. H.G.L. preached. He and wife and W.E,M, and wife visited.

27. Fri. Donation to M. Sornbirger's, 16/

28 Sat. LeRoy Bennett and wife came on noon train, mother in the evening. S.C.Brown and Laura visited.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville. Mr. Carpenter visited. Paid G. W. Birdsall balance on sewing machine $6.00

2. Thur. M. O.Marsh and wife visited. Fred Eldred drove horse to Nineveh 2/ Head ache.

3. Fri. Barnum to dinner. Attended examination in pm at school house. Prayer meeting at Sidney's. Received at L.H. School collection of $48.00

4. Sat. Received for carrying the Montgomery family to Center village 4/. L.E. had horse.

5. Sun. Contribution to New York Baptist Education School 50 cents for Frank M. 10" snow.

6. Mon. A. Lord credit by tapping Ernests boots.

9 Thur. $5.00 added to taxes.

10. Fri. Attended lecture of O.C.Gilbert, free at M.E.Chapel Contribution 10 cents. 12" snow last night.

11. Sat. Drew 840 lbs of hay from Ruggles.

12. Sun. Elder M. preached. Attended funeral below Onaquaga.

13. Mon. L.E. horse to drawing logs 4/

14. Tue. Tim Parsons(?) debtor to use of bobsled to draw coal. L.E.Used horse.

15. Wed. Paid School tax $1.20

16 Thur. Lucy Martin, --------, Lucy Pearsall and Emma Weeks to tea.

17. Fri. Paid Jennies R.R, fare to Binghamton 69 cents. 3.00 for photos and oranges. Snow 6" Prayer meeting

18 Sat. L.E.Drawing lumber from mill. Singing school

21. Tue. Staid at Langdons.

22. Wed. Clora's shoes $2.00

23. Thur. Staid at N. Stow's. Rain

24. Fri. Cyrus P. Martin died 2. am.

25. Sat. Tax list to be renewed. Handed N.Stow's check to William Tice for Mrs Welton $2100.00

26 April Sun. Funeral for Cyrus P. Martin. Eld Power preached and stayed here over night.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville,

1874 (43yrs)
May.
1. Fri. Received from Leroy Tyrrell $10.50 for Bliss's board. 2 bu buckwheat 6/

2 Sat. Miss Clark came (school teacher). Most of the week spent in the care of Albert's folks,

3. Sun. Went to Methodist Church.

4. Mon. Drawed hay from G. Turner's, 670 lbs, $2.50 Paid A. Doolittle $3,00 for 4 bu. oats. Horse shoeing.

5. Tue. Drew 8.30 lbs of hay from Sanders. Handed Miss Clark the balance of her school money,$5.00

6. Wed. Commenced plowing about 3 pm. . Handed W.E.Martin $20.00 School money. Planted peas. Willies shoes tapped

7 Thur. Sewed 2 bu of oats. Used A's horse one day.

8. Fri. Sewed onion seed.

9. Sat. Covenant meeting. Sewed onion seed.

10. Sun. S.S.Martin preached. Communion. Went after Dr. Dibble for Albert.

11. Mon. Dinner at Sidney's. Carried Sanford and Mary to Depot. Telegram to G. Wasson.

12. May. Planted 3 bu of potatoes.

13. Wed. Drew 8 loads of manure on corn ground.

14. May. Thur, L.E. credit by twelve posts and work driving them, $1.50

15. Fri. 400 lbs of plaster and 2 bu of lime at Feller's $2.50

16. Sat. Paid cash for fence boards at Levelle's, $2.00

17. Sun. Albert Martin preached in am and eve.

19. Tue. Turned out cows. Finished getting out manure. Kept Ernest out of school to fix fence, Plowed gar= den. Frank Hinman plowed garden.

20. Wed. Planted corn in garden.

21 May, 1874, Thursday.
Worked in garden
Wrote Fred.

22. Fri. Half bu of corn for hens 55 cents. Clora went to Green. Alvah (Alvah S. Hobart) left this morning.

23. Sat. Put Willow trees in creek.

25 Mon. Paid Mrs. Marvin for Miss clark $5.00 for cleaning school house.

26. Tue. 3 lbs of steak 50 cents.

30. Sat. Boys pictures $1.25 Funeral of C. Utter.

William Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville 1874
Note in back of diary.
June
1874
See Hotchkiss in reference to letter regarding judgement against E. Harpur from Sherrif about Guy Matter, advertise if he will not compromise see if Pickering(?) will trade house and lot in Binghamton for Frank Edgerton's farm.

Public Money $165.12

Robert Harpur to school district one square acre of land west of land of Gervis(?) Blakeslee
Sept.11, 1810
Changed 1813
Received Nov. 1, 1822.

March 20. Wife Hoop Skirt at Frank Edgerton's 9/8

Rev. B.P.Powers, Braman's Corners my son cyrus died this morning, can you prea h Sabbath.

June 1. Planted sweet corn, beans abd potatoes in garden.

4 June. A.A.Lord for Parson's credit by mending Willie's boots., 10 cents.

4. Fri. Worked on Highway with Albert's mare.

7. Sun. Hobart preached in am.

11. Mon. Received from A. Martin 6 lb hind quarter of veal

18. Thur. Mother, Katie and Jennie attended Sunday School meeting in Aftpn.

19. Fri. Set two hens on 19 eggs each.

20 June. Sat. Mrs. Fuller nurried.. Hoeing potatoes.

23 Tues. Drove old cow to Martin Ruggles.

24 Wed. Received of Otis Hubbard 20/ for plowing garden.

27 Sat. To dentist to pull childrens teeth.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville. (47 yrs.)

July.

4. To Afton for the Fourth with the children 3 cents for fire crackers. Town celebration.

6. Mon. Went to Nineveh for a barrl of flour. Received for calf $5.60 Paid O.W.P. postage of daily sixty cents.

7. Mrs Stillman's funeral (Tuesday)

10. Fri. Use of carriage to Deposit 9/. Interest of H.A.Rose $20.58 Interest of Martin $20.00 Paid Martin $5.00.

15. Wednesday. Pile of planks to Rockwell, $5.00

25. Sat. Finnished first crop of hay. Miss Clark left last eve. by R.R.

26. Funeral of Anna e. Northrup at Center village.

27.,Mon. Charles Hare, mending hammers 15 cents. Paid Frank Edgerton 20.48. Using new potatoes.

28. Tues. ~~Father~~ Mother, Katie and Ernest started for Otego

August 1874

3. Mon. Mother, Katie and Ernest returned from Otego.

7 Fri. L'Eldred horse to Windsor to move picture , Gallery.

8 Sat. Cut oats. Miss C. returned.

9 Sun. A boy born to us 9;30 Clark

11. Tue. Paid F.G.Brown For shoeing all the way round $1.74

12. Wed. Drew in Oats.

13. Thur. Received of Ed. Neeman for use of horse and carriage to his fathers 6/

14. Fri. S.C. Brown debtor to use of horse and harness to Binghamton 6/

16. Sun. A.S.Hobart exchanged pulpits with M.E,Minister. A.S.H. student pastor.

19 Aug. Wed. R.R. to Otego $1.86

24 Sun. Mr. Hobart preached two Sundays.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville, N.Y.
1874 (47 yrs.)
September.
4 Fri. Picked 5 quarts of blackberries. Laid stable floor plank. School closed.

7. Monday. Six bundles of rye straw of A. Doolittle . 35.cents.

8 Tue. Clark and and Jennie (Miss Clark the teacher) went to Afton 10 quarts of blackberries picked.

9. Miss Clark paid her $5.00 on wagon.

10 Thur. To Coventry to Sunday school meeting.

12 Sat. Coventry meeting.

16. Wed. Paid Eliza Merwin for two washings $1.30

18 Fri. Handed school tax to collector.

21 Mon. Jennie and I went to Binghamton with carriage.

22 Tue. Borrowed of F.W.Martin $10.00

30 Wed. Clarence H. came at noon.

October, 1874
Cleaning Katies organ $2.50

2. Fri. Cleaning church organ $2,00

3./Sat. Caucus. Alice left in afternoon, James kn the morning train. 60 extra meals besides Alvah's this week.

4. Sunday. Susan Collington funeral at home.

5. Mon. Mr. Hobart left on afternoon train. Received from collector $70.00 school money.

6 Tue. Convention at Binghamton. R.R. fare $1.19

7 Wed. Shelled 1 bu of carn and sent to mill. Staid at F. W. over night.

8. Thur. Received of Beeman 6/ for use of horse.

10. Sat. Funeral of Margaret Crosby (Grosby). C. Meeting.

13. Tue. School meeting. Reelected trustees

15. Thur. Mother and Katie started for Hamilton. Self and wife to Binghamton to attend Cora's wedding. Received school tax money from collector $40.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville
1874 (47yrs)
October
19 Mon. Engaged monument for father's grave of Converse for $60.00

22. Oct. Finished digging potatoes, drawing in corn, turned cow in meadow. Got 22 bu potatoes,

23. Fri. Millie Shepherd and daughter came in the the afternoon and staid till evening, Picked apples

24. Sat. L. Eldred for horse and carriage to Binghamton 16/

26. Received of Charles Hare for use of horse and wagn 6/

Nov. 1874
1. Sun. Received from teaching 8/

5 Thur. Visited at Bro. Websters.

6 Fri. Paid Mary Travis for work at Katie's wedding 12/ Went to Nineveh to get a suit of clothes and a hat for Ernest.

7. Sat. Covenant meeting. Miss Clark (teacher) came in evening.

11. Wed. Commenced foddering cattle at night. Wrote F.C. Platt sent to Binghamton by Fred.

20 Friday. L Humiston put in 38 hours working on house, L.A.Tyrell 30 hours. G.W. Jones 8 hours work. Among other things they paid 2080 shingles, cost 3.75 a thousabd. A. Martin paid on debt $25,00

23. Mon. O.C.Hubbard credit by $2.72 on account and 10 cents cash for repair of chimney.

24 Tue. Paid A. Martin for 10½ crib siding. and lumber $2.20

25 Wed. Killed calf. for hide $2.45. for butchering 1.00

26. Thur. Thanksgiving at M.E.Church. Lewis did not work

28. Nov. Singing school

30 Still owe L. Humiston for 8 days work $16.00

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville,N.Y.
1874 (47yrs)
December.
4 Fri. Wife received 8/ for release of Mortgage.

6 Sun. Rain. Small attendance.

7 Mon. Wrote to Katie.

11. Fri. Went to Binghamton after monument.

12. Sat. Covenant meeting.

16 Wed. Borrowed of F.W.Martin $25.00. Left home 11 am. Due Haklock, Carr and co. for over cost $15.00

18. Fri. Wrote Uncle Henry. Also Mrs. H. Marsh . Sent 2/ shillings postage on Baptist Teachers club,

19 Sat. L.E. for horse and carriage to Osborn Hollow.

20 Sun. Alvah S. Hobart preached. Sent William Crofut 2/

21. Mon. Express paid to R.R. from Tunnel to Binghamton 48 cents, paid. Paid G. Doolittle balance on watch 12/. Commenced work for G.W.Lyon and co., 16/ a day and expense and 16/ commission on each order.

22 Tues. Paid for Jennies wring at Patterson's, $2.50

24. Thur. Fare home 92 cents. Cotton yarn 18 cents. picture 30 cents. Pratt's bill $2.50

25 Fri. Dinner at A. Martins. Ax and helve $1.65

26 Sat. Received 4/ towards Miss Clark's book. m 4/ for use of carriage to Chenango Forks. Half ton of coal $2.75 Half pint kerosene oil 10 cents.

27. Sun. Received of Myra 10 cents toward Sunday School Contribution..

30. Wed. R.R. to Binghamton 69 cents. Received of H. E. Pratt $3.75 Magazine subscription.

31. Left on noon train to susquehanna depot 70 cents.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft,
January
1877 (47yrs)

1. No diary kept last year.

2. Tue/ Alber, Henry and Aggie staid over night.
Presents in stockings.

3, Wed. George B. Barnes burried.

7. Sun. Read a sermin. S.E.Monman with the body of
C. Ruggles from Media.

8. Mon. Charles Ruggles burried.

10. Wed started 2 am for morris, arrives 2;30 pm.

11. Thur. Left Morris at 10 am. Arrived home 8 pm.

12. Fri. Funeral of Mrs. Will Hurlburt.

13. Sat. Covenant meeting.

14. Sun. Eld Hammond Preached and communion.

20 Sat. Drove to albert Martin's

21. Elder Jones in P.M.

22. Mon. Commenced boarding teacher at noon. Weq.
Frasier's wife died.

24. Thur. Warmed and lighted church for lecture
½ ton of coal from H,E.L.

26 Fri. Albert and family came this eve.
Sold 3 Republican dailys

27. Albert and Betsey went to Havana. Children here

28. Clark quite sick. Dr. Guy called in.
Sunday school. No preaching.

30. Tue. Albert and Be tsey returned.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft
Harpursville, N.Y. (47yrs)
4 Febr. Sunday. Wife and Elder Jones to dinner.

5. Mon. Sold S.D.Parson

300	postage	stamps	3	cents	$9.00
10	"	"	15	"	1.50
15	"	"	10	"	1.50

6 Tue. 4½ bu corn in ear of A. He broke cutter thill.

7. Wed. Attended meeting last eve at M.E.Church. Albert preached this eve.

8. Thur. Hamm. and Carren called(?) Letter from Katie and Jennie Albert had Bobs to Binghamton brought barrel of crackers.

13. Tue. Town Meeting. Elected Town Clerk 230 majority.

16. Fri. Alberts folks all left.

18. Sun. Eld. Jones preached.

19. Mon. Clora washed.

20. Tue. Orias family left, after a few hours visit. Irene and family from frank Martin's returned sleigh. Brought oranges, lemons and oysters.

21. Wed. Alvah and Katie arrived.

22. Thur. Frank left after breakfast.

23. Fri. Alvah and Katie left after dinner.

24. Sat. Bancroft took saws to file.

25. Sun. Read sermon. Small attendance. Wife attended children.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. Harpursville.N.Y.
1877.
March (47yrs.)
7 Wed. Returned two cards of 3* stamps to Frank Edgerton

27. Tue. Town meeting special.

28 Wed. Went to Bainbridge to S.S. Association.

30 Fri. Sent to E. Patrick note given by Nelson Blakeslee to J.D.B. March 4th. 1866 for $12,00

April

May.
2. Wed. Albert staid last night. Clora and I went to Quarterly meeting at West Colesville. Dinner at Mr. Butts (?) Tea at E. Croffutts. All night at A. Osborn's

3 Thur. Dinner at Bestsey's and tea at Lydua Langdons. Home at 10 pm.

11. Fri. Albert, Betsey and Delphi staid over night.

14, Mon. Turned out cows. Charles Ham's cow at $12.

15. Tue. Clora, Self and Willo e atarted for Morris 8½ am arrived 6 pm.

16. Wed. Visited at Katie's. went through the factory.

17. Thur. Started for Albany, via Oneonta.

18. Fri. Reachedhome at 2 pm. Clora and children 9pm

20. Sun. Eld. Seaman preached.

26 Sat. Town of Colesville dr. to one day at Binghamton with Supervisor. $2.00

June
July
Aug.
5. Sept. G.T.Smith 2 days
6 Thur. Sunday School picnic. slight rain.
12. Wed. To special notification of Town Officials postage etc. 14 cents.
13. Thur. to sending school law to teachers 13 cents.
28. Fri. Mother road tax $5.50

Cost of trip to Green bush for Albert Martin's mortgage $6
Cost of trip to Albany on Albert Martin Matters $18.70
W.O.Bancroft

Baptist teachers this year
Jirah Wheelllen
S.A.Comb's
Lewis Humaston
N.S.Wallen
Wm. Erofut

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.
1879 (48 yrs.)
Harpursville, Broome Co. N.Y.
Jan.
5. Sunday Seaman (Leaman) Preached.

10 Fri/ Sociable at Deacon Comb's

11. Sat. Church meeting.

12. Sun. Communion.

13. Mon. Went to Nineveh Bought a suit of clothes for self of Smith and Webster. Paid $18.00. $10. still due.

14. Fri. Went to Binghamton with bobs. Willie went with me.

15. Wed. E.L.Bancroft's wife came. Went to West Colesville after a barrel of oil left

16. Thur. Went to Platt Thomas to draw ------$3.00

17. Fri. Leonard and Armeder? started for home after dinner

19. Sun. Elder G. on hand, Sunday school.

20. Twentieth anniversary of my marriage. Self and wife visited at R. Chamberlains. The Children donated Clora a china set. Whooesale $12.00, retail 10.50. Willie donated 5/. Ernie 12/ Jennie 4/

22. Wed. Clora washed. Borrowed a machine from O.S. Bristol. H/P.B. Had bobs to Deposit. E.L.B.? and Eugene? called.

23 Thur. George Root and wife and F. Edgerton and wife visited us. Bought hind quarter of beef L.E. Way? Paid cash $5.30, wt 106 lbs. Bought %16.65 of hay from G (J) L. Blakeslee at $6.00 delivered.

24. Fri. Wife and children went to sociable at Center village at N.C,Humphrey's.

25 Sat.
26. Sun. 70 cents to visiting in eve to new Hist. (Nat) Museum, Self, wife and Jennie.

27. Mon. Bought of Allanson Dooolittle for $100.00 Jennie's piano.

28. Tue. Jennie and I started for Binghamton at 5 pm

30 Thur. Home about 5 pm. Brought chairs for aMethodist House.

W. Oscar Bancroft, son of Dr. J.D.Bancroft.(deceased)
Harpursville
1879
Febr,
2. Sun. H.N.Marcus held meeting in our church in eve,

4. Tue. Town Auditors.

8. Sat. Church meeting at D. Comb's. Wife and Irene approved continuing another year.

9. Sun. Wife and I to Centervillage to meeting.

11. Tue. Town meeting. ?Rain.

14. Fri. Wife to Binghamton on cars to buy church carpet.

15. Sat. Drove to Morris. Started at 5 am and arrived 5 pm. One hour stop at East Guilford.

16 Sun. Alvahs sermon (Alvah S. Hobart, Katie's husband) theTransfiguration.

17 Mon. Brought mother home.

19 Wed. Semi annual meeting.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft. at Harpursville, Broome Co.N.Y.
1879
March.

4. Tue. J(?) A. Hurlburt died at 9½ am. Self and wife went up there. Carrie Mann came (worked for a finally adopted by Alvah S. Hobart. Lived with them her whole life.)

5. Wed. To Centervillage to send telegram to Eld Guy/ 37 cents and postage 13 cents.

6. Thur. To Afton to Sunday School Convention.

7 Fri. Elder Hurlburt's funeral. Eld Guy preached.

8. Sat. Covenant meeting.

9. Sun. Covenant meeting and communion by Eld. Guy.

In cars to Centervillage to meeting.

10. Mon. Ernest to Nineveh with Carrie.

11. Tue. Went to Ozias Marsh's in eve, self and wife.

12. Wed. Katie and Carrie Mann started for Cleveland. Received from Katie $5.00 for trunk stub , the balance for candy for children and care of mother.

15. Sat. Delivered will to Anderson Hurlburt. R.G. Harpur died at 5 am at age 58

29. Sat. Meeting called for Town Board for highway Construction.

Wm Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville, Broome county, N.Y.
1879.
April 4. Fri. Self and wife to Binghamton to prove(?) will of J. A. Hurlburt.

10. Thur. Thos. and mother came on evening train from Albany at Junction.

14. Mon. O.B.Merwin to bring bond and mortgage $1.25
file 1.06

W. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville (48 yrs.)
1879
May. no entry
June
July
Aug.
Sept.
Oct.
Nov. 6, Thur. Auditing day. Received of Esquire Brainard 8/ for H. Johnson.
Dec.

This book for 1882 was used in 1885 with the dates chabged
2 Small posket diary Oscars?

1. Have had four days and nights without prayer. Started Sunday. Clark away to dinner. ¼aid Willies board to date, 5$ in gold.
2. aDonations to the parsonage reciepts 22.95 Paid $2.00 for self and boys Clear and cold, roads very rough , postal from Katie.
3. Mrs. AmM.Richardson died at 6:00 A.M.Heart disease Clear 4 above
4. Elder Reynods preached morning and evening. Atendance 70-80
5. Willie started for Deposit with horse. Signed papers of administration of Mr. Merrils estate. Wm Knox and S.Y. Grote as bond $10,000.
6 Willie returned in cold. Clark sick and vomited last evening.
7. Is very muddy. Millie canvessing for Cooper up Coventry creek. 2 meals Attended meeting in evening. Letter from Kattie.
8. Pleasant day, froze last night so mud would be bad this A.M. Willia away at dawn. 2 meals
9. Pleasant 2 meals
10. Attended covenent meeting
3 meals
Postal recieved and sent to Katie
11 Sunday, attended Sunday School and services moring and evening.
3 meals
12 Warm and rainey, cold toward evening. 3 meals
Sent and recieved postal
13 2 meals
14. 3 meals, clear and cold. Men (Menskr) escaped 11:00 P.M.
15. Appraisal of Ira Merrills est. Ruggles tesm took Fred Davis (Davis) and self down. in snow strom. Willie in store. 3 meals
16. Appraisal adjournmd till sat. 24 th. 3 meals
17. Chris Passumm died at 4 P.M. 74 years 2 meals
18. Good meetings A.M. and P.M. 3 meals
19. Clear and cold 3 meals. paid 6.50
20. Chas. Parsons finished went with lawyer Mc,Neal down to Ira Merrils place. 3 meals
21. Willie went to Sanford.
22. Clark sick, did not go to school
23 Elder Reynolds left. Another very cold spell for 3 or 4 days.
24. Willie returned this P.M. 1 meal Sent letter to Katie
25. Attended service am & pm. Breakfast and Dinner at Ellas supper at home. 2 meals.
26. Commenced boarding at home again. Willie drew a hlf ton of coal from C N on bobsled.
27. Willie drove to dupont with cutter Very high wind last night with thermometer below zero. Dinner at hotel. Clark at Elviras
28. Handed Ed $4.00 for Ellas Board.
29. Boys staid indoors. Note to Katie
30. Weather moderating some. Clark home with diarrhoe
31. Clear day. Fine for sleighing. Paid Watrous for milk and butter.

Febr./1, 1885 William Oscar Bancroft
Good meeting Sunday evening. (Willie is 19 yrs old)
2. Will drew coal from Center Village
3.Willie went to Bettsburgh (Beltshurgh)
6. Cold. Lyn drove to Boft Dickson with Hon & Cutt--
Stopped milk this day. Hove & Cutter
7. Covenant meeting.
8. Mr. Harley preached in evening. Large audience.
9. Thawing and rain. Worst storm of the season
10. Town meeting
11. Willie Commenced learning telegraphy at Center Village.
of Mr. Livingston. For which he is to pay $40.00 when he
is able to take over the station.
12. Willie did not go to Center Village. Drew Coal, ½ ton chestnut
Went to Nineveh and got some long pants for Clark.
15 Ussual services O over 100 attending.
16. Snow.
17. Snowing and Bloweing, the worst storm of the year. No mail
18 Clear cold, No morning mail P.M.mail at 6;00 p.m.
19 Clear and cold. Below zero 4 days. Willie drew ½ ton of coal
Center Village
21 Willie did not go to center village, went to Nineveh and
bought a pair of long pants for Clark
22. Sunday. Mr. Hawley spoke. Small congregation
23. ---- to Hamilton. Wether below zero
24 ---------- left by Hovey
25 Very cold, fine sleighing.
26. Glen Williams and Jan Bough. Married. No wedding display.
27. Went to Binghamton on Proof of Chas. Parsons will. Dinner at
Elizei O.
28. Willie at home for house work. Took cysterm pump out and
carried in house tO thaw. Recieved Susies wedding cards.
March 1 1885 Did not go to meeting on account of Clark not being
well Freexing again. Willie went to Center Village in P.M.
4. Inaugeral day for Democratic President
6. Good day for coasting and Clark went out but it was too much
for him. Mik Marti (Martin) moved.
8 Willie remained home. Clark sick. I did not attend covenant
meeting. Commencing Chly--- and S.S.Mixture Clark at home
9 Willie went to Ben Marshes for sleigh ride.
11 Attended Egg Social at Sharles Stevens - cost O.75
12 Will drew a ½ ton of chestnut coal for home and ½ ton fot
store.
15 Sunday - after church drove to Sam Pratts to sing.
First sleigh ride I have had. Called at Williams
16 Willia Had sick head ache.
17 Willie head ache better but feels weak. Did not go to church
18 14 below zero, Willie Baked. Letter form Katie.
19 Willie went to C for the first time this week
20 Blizzard. Willie went to C.
21 Willie at C. Asa Kirk in from Hamilton
23 Today Clark commenced carrying the Leaders.for 8 shillings a mo.
24 Below zero. Benn very cold all month.
26 Change from winter to spring very sudden
28 Very bad cough. Willie remained home
29 Did not attend church. Laid around most of the day, Cough
abating.
30 Busy day, people still come to town in sleighs

Wm Oscar Bancroft

1880
April
By virtue of writ of Subpaena to you directed and herewith shown, you are commanded that, all business and excuses laid aside, you appear and you attend in your proper person, before Eli C. Belknap, the referee appointed by the court at J.D.Merritts law office in Afton, Chenango County, N.Y. on the firat day of October 1880 at 9 oclock in the forenoon, to testify all and singular wehat you may have in a cert in action now pending in the Supreme Court and then and there to be tried between Parmelia A. Teel plaintiff and Benjamin W. Pitsley and Frances Crane and that you bring with you and produce at the time afforesaid a Chattel Mortgage by James Teel and Francis Crane dated on or about January 1870, On the part of the defendants and for a failure to attend you will be guilty of contempt of this court and liable to qll loss and damages sustained thereby to the pad y aggrieved and forfeit $50.00 in addition there to.

Dated the 27th day of Sept 1880

To Oscar Bancrodt by the Court George A, Haven, Atty.

This action refers back to Oscars statement of April 30, 1870.

This is from Katie's diary

1884 September.

1 Mon."Took the carpet ragsover to Aunt Elvira's amd we changed Oscar's bed room into a parlor."

2 Tue."Oscar's birth day/ The boys bought him some hand kerchiefs and some peaches and I gave him a hadd kerchief.

3 Wed."Maggie came and washed yesterday and ironed all day today. Carrie and Lester (Leslie) went to Mr Taggart's. Oscar went to Afton to the Association. Willie's 18th birthday."

4 Thur."We called on Mrs. Ruggles. Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Douglas called on me. (the latt r the preacher's wife.)

5 Fri."Carrie packed a barrel for Cincinna ti and nearly packed two trunks. I got up at five and worked at fence painting until breakfast was ready. Andrew Benton and wife called. Thempiano was packed and shipped to Cora Lawrence of Binghamton."

6 Sat."Tried to put the house in order so we wkyld be com= fortable over the week end. Succeeded pretty well. Put up shades and had curtains as Lamberquins

7 Sun."I played the organ again in church and Oscar and Carrie, Mrs. Marsh and Willie sang, then they sang at Martin Hurlburts funeral in the afternoon. Mr, and Mrs. Marsh and Leslie Clark took dinner with us. Uncle Henry came ans sat a little while and copied two old poems , one "The Watch" wtitten by mother's great Grand father.

8 Mon."Werking hard at the house. Oscar and Willie moved book case, couch and red stand into parlor. I put down oil cloth under wash stand. add splasher nehind it. Willie took up sitting room carpet and Mrs. Badertha mopped the floor and the kitchen and some clean up up stairs. We went to Douglas's to tea all except Willie who took trunks and barrell to depot. Mfs. Rogers sent word in the evening that she would not come."

9 Tue."Started for Binghamton on the morning train and arrived there at 11. Went to Frank Edgerton 's to dinner. Had a nice visit and another in the evening with Lulu and her husband and Cora and hers. Oscar and Clark came over and went on to Buckingham to the Deposit association. That made the partging a littl easier but it was HARD. (her emphasis)

10 Wed."Weent to Cora Lawrence's to dinner. Called on Mrs. Guy in the afternoon. Took train at 4;45 and rose in palace care to Hormelsville at I am/ and after that in common car. Found carriage waiting to take me to Mrs. Butlers."

11 Thur."Had breakfast about 9 am. Spent the day in resting and visiting. Found the girls and Mrs. Butler as sweet as ever."

12 Fri."Had a good nights rest again but do not feel very well."

13 Sat."Alvah got on the train at Middle town and joined us. Using a livery carriage we were safely home by midnight."

14 Sun."Made it a day of rest. Clarence was here and very much improved in dress and manners from some time ago. Mrs. Davis and Mrss Cheseldine called."

15 Mon."Spent the day washing dishes and making the china closet fit for use and in unpacking trunks. Alvah left for Madisonville on his way to a Council at Bethel."

16 Tue."Carrie in bed all day with Autumnal Dysentery. I thought I was sick with it but but got up and found she was so much worse off. Then I roused myself and went to the doctor. Mrs. Pahmyes came and worked all day."

17 Wed."Mary came up and got breakfast. Carrie not able to get up but better.. Last night I set the mosquito bar on fire in my room and burned it up and injuring other things considerably. Trying to be thankful I did not burn myself or the house. Alvah got home this forenoon."

18 Thujr ."Carrie some better. I finished my Missionary Column. Went down town with Alvah after dinner and signed the deed of half the Kansas land to Mrs. Gray., Mr. Gray having first deeded it all to us."

19 Fri."Carrie better. We nearly made the mosquito bar. Carrie made cake and I canned grapes."

20 Sat."Canned peaches and grapes. Carrie made pies."

21 Sun."

22 Mon."Did not feel very well so did not get up to breakfast.

23 Tue."A sick day spent at home instead of going to association.

24 Wed,"Not much improvement in my physical condition. Alvah came home too sick to stay longer at the Association."

25 Thur."My head and whole system are full of catarrh. I can scarcely endure myself. Went to the doctor about 6 pm and got medicine for head ache. Two callers.

26 Fri."My 35th birthday. I am feeling somewhat more comfortable thanks to my doctor and a kind Providence who taught him what to give."

27 Sat."

28 Sun."To them He gave power to be Sons of God."

29 Mon. Carrie made a cake for our company tomorrow. We made a velvet skirt to go with the polynaise I made last winter."

30 Tue."Received teledphone in the morning that the Bailey's could not come. The Wheeler's arrived. Mr. Wheeler has a hard cold."

1. Janurary 1885, Thursday.
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville, Four days and nights without freeze. Freeze Fr day night. Clark away to dinner. Willie board todate, $5.00

2 Fri."Donation at the parsonage, reciepts 22.95. Paid $2,00 for self and boys. Clear cold. Roads rough. Kaite r wrote.

3 Sat."Mrs. C. M. Richards died of heart disease. 4 above zero

4 Sun."Elder Reynolds preached. 70 attended.

5 Mon."Willie started for Deposit with horse. Signed papers as administrator of Mr. Merrill's estate. W.E.Knox and S.J. Smith as bond, $10,000.

6 Tue."Willie started in pm. Clark sick and vomited last eve.

7 Wed."Willie canvassing for Cook up Coventry creek. Away at dinner. 2 meals. Meeting in eve. Letter from Katie.

8 Thursday."Pleasant day. Froze last night. South wind. Willie away at dinner.

9 Fri."2 meals".

10 Sat."Covenant meeting. Cool. Light snow.

11 Sun."S. S. and service am and pm. 2 meals.

12 Mon."Warm and rainey. 3 meals.

13 Tue."2 meals".

14 Wed."Monkey escaped. 3 meals.

15 Thur."Appraisal of the Merrill estate. Ruggles team to Fred Bunt And self. Willie stayed in store. 3 meals.

16 Fri."Appraisal adjourned till Saturday the 26th.

17 Sat."Charles Parsons died at 4 pm. Age 74

18 Sun."Good meeting am and pm. 12 went forward. 3 meals

19 Mon."Clear Cold. 3 meals. Paid $6.50

20 Tue."Charles Parson's funeral. Went with lawyer M. Nevins down to Ira Merrills place.

21 Wednesday."Willie went to Sanford. 1 meal.

22 Thurs."Clark sick. Did not go to school."

Wm Oscar Bancroft.

23 Fri."Elder Reynolds left. Cold spell 3 days.

24 Sat."Willie returned this pm. L meal Letter to Katie.

25 Sun."S.S. and service. Breakfast and dinner at Ella's. One meal at home. 2 meals.

26 Mon."Commenced boarding at home again. Willie drew a ½ ton of coal from Centervillage on bob sleds.

27 Tue."Willie drove to Deposit with cutter. High wind with 7°below. Dinner at Hotel. Clark at Alvits's

28 Wed."Handed Ed. $4.00 for Ella, balance of board, unless some extras are charge.

29 Thur."Boys staid close indoor. Wrote to Katie.

30 Fri."Weather moderating some. Clark home with diarrhoea.

31 Sat."Clear day. fine sleighing. Paid Watrous for milk and butter.

Wm. Oscar Bancroft, Harpursville.
1 Sun."Good meeting in evening.

2 Mob."Willie drew coal from Centervillage.

3 Tue."Willie went to Bettsburg

4 Wed."

6 Fri."Cold. Lynn drove to Port Dickinson with horse and cutter Stopped Ayres milkk today.

7 Sat." Republican Caucus. Covenant meeting.

8 Sun."Mr. H. preached in the evening. Large audience.

9 Mon."Thaw and rain. Not to spoil sliehging. Worst storm. of the season.

10 Tue."Town meeting. Republican elected all but 2. Marsh's m ajority 120

11 Wed."Willie commenced learning telegraphy at Center village of Mr. Livingston. For which he is to pay $40.00 when he fin= ishes and has charge of a station. 10° below.

13 Fri."Willie did not go to Center village. Drew ½ ton chest= nut from Centervillage. Went to Nineveh and got some long pants for Clark.

14 Sat."72 below zero. Williewent to Center village in pm.

15 Sun."Usual service. Ovef 100 both am and pm.

16 Mon."Heavy snow. 14 inches on top of old snow.

17 Tue."Blowing and snowing. 7 hours, worst storm of year.

18 Wed."Fair cold. No moving mail.

19 Thur."Clear and cold. Beloe zero 4 days. Letter to Katie. Willie drew a half ton of stove coal from Center village.

20 Friday,"Clear and cold. Willie did not go to Center village below z ro every morning for a week.

24 Feb."Paid Jennies $2.50 left by Hovet.

25 Wednesday."Fine sleighing. Dan M. Miller and Janie Bouch no wedding display.
27 Fri."Went to Binghamton on proof of Charles Parson's will
28 Sat."Willie at home for house work. Took cystern pump out and carted it in the house to thaw. Rec. Susies wedding cards.

1 March 1885, Sunday.
Wm. Oscar Bancroft, diary, Harpursville. About 70. Did not go in the evening on account of Clark not being well.
428 Willie went. Rain.

4 Wed. Inauguration day of the 17th President, nice weather

6 Fri."Nice day for soasting and Clark improved it. But it was too much for him. Mike Martin split wood.

7 Sat."Willie remained home to care for Clark. I went to covenant meeting.

8 Sun."Church, communion and S.S. Clark at home.

11 Wed."Williewent to Marsh's for a sleigh ride.

13 Fri."Willie attended Egg social at Charles Stevens.

14 sat."Willie drew of ½ ton of chestnut coal to hourse and store."

15 Sun."After church drove to Samuel Pratt's to sing. first sleigh ride I have had. Will called at Williams."

16 Mon."Willie has a sick headache."

17 Tue."Willie is improved but feels weak, did not go to Centervillage depot."

19 Thur."Willie went to Centervillage. For 13th time was sick.

20 Fri."Blizzard. This am Willie at Centervillage.

21 Sat."Willie at Centervillage. Isa Kark came from Hamilton. Very cold. Did not attend evening meeting at church.

23 Mon."Clark commenced carrying the Leader for 8/ a month. (8/ = $1). Miller to pay."

28 Sat."Very hard cough. Willie staid home."

29 Sun."Did not attend church. Laid abed most of the day. Coughing.

30 Mon."Busy day. People still come to towm in sleighs.

31 Tue."Worked at returns in afternoon".

APRIL

1 SAWED WOOD IN AM

2 JERRY BROWN'S SAFE WAS DRILLED. HE CANNOT OPEN MEETING OF HURD CREDITORS AT WILLIAM'S OFFICE

3 WILLIE TO CENTERVILLAGE

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